

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Georgetown County

J. Cordell Maddox, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

QUINTIN J. HOLT,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000402

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

10-GS-22-00179

10-GS-22-00181

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)

PLAINTIFF,)

vs.)

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

QUENTIN J. HOLT,)

DEFENDANT.)

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2010

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE, BENJAMIN H. CULBERTSON; AND JURY

APPEARANCES:

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BY: CEZAR E. MCKNIGHT, ESQ.
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1 THE COURT: SOLICITOR, DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE
2 FIRST CASE?

3 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE CALLS
4 2010-GS-22-00181 AND 2020-GS-22-00179. THOSE ARE BOTH TRUE
5 BILLED INDICTMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE, STATE
6 V. QUENTIN J. HOLT.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THIS IS THE CASE OF THE
8 STATE V. QUENTIN J. HOLT. MR. HOLT IS CHARGED WITH TWO
9 COUNTS OF DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE. THESE ALLEGED
10 DISTRIBUTIONS OCCURRED IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY DURING THE
11 MONTH OF JUNE OF 2009.

12 NOW I'VE GOT A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT I'LL NEED
13 TO GO OVER WITH THOSE OF YOU IN THE JURY PANEL. THESE ARE
14 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS VOIR DIRE QUESTIONING AND THE
15 PURPOSE OF THESE QUESTIONS, YOU'VE ALL BEEN QUALIFIED TO
16 SERVE AS JURORS THIS WEEK, BUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS VOIR
17 DIRE QUESTIONING IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE
18 ELIGIBLE AND QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS JURORS ON THIS
19 PARTICULAR CASE. IT ALSO GIVES THE ATTORNEYS SOME
20 INFORMATION TO HELP THEM IN THEIR JURY SELECTION PROCESS,
21 AND AS I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY TO SERVE JURY DUTY YOU'RE
22 CONSTANTLY TAKING OATHS, AND SO IF I COULD, PLEASE, GET
23 EVERYONE TO STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND I NEED TO
24 ADMINISTER THE OATH FOR YOU RESPOND TO THE VOIR DIRE
25 QUESTIONING IN THIS CASE.

1 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY PANEL WAS SWORN.)

2 MADAM CLERK: THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED.

3 THE COURT: FIRST OF ALL IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF
4 THE JURY PANEL WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO THE OATH BY SAYING I
5 DO, PLEASE STAND?

6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL RIGHT, AS I STATED THIS
7 IS THE CASE OF THE STATE V. QUENTIN J. HOLT. IS THERE ANY
8 MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO
9 THE DEFENDANT QUENTIN J. HOLT, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

10 DOES ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL HAVE A CLOSE
11 PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, A SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP, A BUSINESS
12 RELATIONSHIP, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS
13 DEFENDANT, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

14 ALL RIGHT, IF I CAN GET YOU TO LISTEN UP
15 CAREFULLY BECAUSE THIS IS A LIST OF THE POTENTIAL WITNESSES
16 IN THIS CASE. IN ADDITION TO MR. HOLT WE HAVE,

17 REGINALD GRANT WITH THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

19 JASON WARD WITH THE GEORGETOWN CITY POLICE
20 DEPARTMENT

21 JOE NATHAN LEWIS

22 MICHAEL THACKER OF THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

24 CLINT SAWYER FORMALLY OF THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1 SELINA KINARD OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
2 DIVISION, AND

3 MARIBETH BURROUGHS OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 DIVISION.

5 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL RELATED BY
6 BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, SOCIAL
7 RELATIONSHIP, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF
8 RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY OF THESE POTENTIAL WITNESSES, IF SO
9 PLEASE STAND?

10 ALL RIGHT, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE IN THIS
11 CASE IS MS. ERIN BAILEY OF THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT
12 SOLICITOR'S OFFICE;

13 THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE IS
14 MR. CEZAR MCKNIGHT.

15 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL RELATED BY
16 BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, HAVE A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP,
17 SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP, BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, OR ANY OTHER
18 TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH EITHER OF THESE ATTORNEYS, IF SO
19 PLEASE STAND?

20 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL EITHER
21 PERSONALLY OR HAVE A CLOSE FRIEND OR A FAMILY MEMBER
22 EMPLOYED WITH THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE OR
23 WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF MR. CEZAR MCKNIGHT, IF SO PLEASE
24 STAND?

25 YES, MA'AM, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, PLEASE?

1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR 285, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED].

3 THE COURT: LET ME GET MY LIST HERE. ALL RIGHT,
4 MS. [REDACTED], ARE YOU EMPLOYED OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR A
5 FRIEND EMPLOYED?

6 JURY PANEL MEMBER: FAMILY.

7 THE COURT: IS A FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYED WITH
8 WHICH OFFICE?

9 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I ---

10 THE COURT: I'M SORRY, HOLD FOR A SECOND?

11 JURY PANEL MEMBER: OKAY, I'M TRYING TO THINK,
12 UNLESS I MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU SAID I AM RELATED TO
13 SOMEBODY IN THE SHERIFF OFFICE.

14 THE COURT: NO, NO, THIS IS WHETHER OR NOT
15 YOU'RE RELATED TO ANYBODY EMPLOYED WITH THE SOLICITOR'S
16 OFFICE OR WITH MR. MCKNIGHT'S OFFICE?

17 JURY PANEL MEMBER: NO, SIR.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I WILL HAVE A QUESTION
19 THAT WILL BE APPLICABLE TO YOU IN JUST A MINUTE BUT RIGHT
20 NOW WE'RE JUST DEALING WITH ANYBODY EMPLOYED WITH THE
21 SOLICITOR'S OFFICE OR MR. MCKNIGHT'S OFFICE, IF SO PLEASE
22 STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

23 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO HAS
24 EVER BEEN REPRESENTED BY MS. ERIN BAILEY AN ATTORNEY IN THE
25 FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, MR. MCKNIGHT OR ANY

1 ATTORNEY IN HIS OFFICE, IF SO PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

2 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL EVER BEEN
3 INVOLVED IN ANY LEGAL ACTION IN WHICH EITHER OF THESE
4 ATTORNEYS HAS BEEN INVOLVED, IF SO PLEASE STAND? (NO
5 RESPONSE.)

6 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO ATTENDS
7 CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE, MOSQUE, PRAYER GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES, OR
8 ANY OTHER TYPE OF ORGANIZATION OR FUNCTION EITHER WITH MS.
9 BAILEY, MR. MCKNIGHT OR THE DEFENDANT OR ANY ATTORNEYS IN
10 THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE OR MR. MCKNIGHT'S OFFICE, IF SO
11 PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

12 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO EITHER
13 PERSONALLY HAS A FAMILY MEMBER OR A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND
14 EMPLOYED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

15 ALL RIGHT, MA'AM, IF YOU'D PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR
16 NAME AND JURY NUMBER AGAIN?

17 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR 285, [REDACTED] -
18 [REDACTED].

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] IS THIS A
20 FAMILY MEMBER, A FRIEND, OR YOU PERSONALLY?

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: FAMILY MEMBER.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND WHERE IS THAT FAMILY
23 MEMBER EMPLOYED?

24 JURY PANEL MEMBER: IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
25 IN GEORGETOWN.

1 ATTORNEY IN HIS OFFICE, IF SO PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

2 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL EVER BEEN
3 INVOLVED IN ANY LEGAL ACTION IN WHICH EITHER OF THESE
4 ATTORNEYS HAS BEEN INVOLVED, IF SO PLEASE STAND? (NO
5 RESPONSE.)

6 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO ATTENDS
7 CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE, MOSQUE, PRAYER GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES, OR
8 ANY OTHER TYPE OF ORGANIZATION OR FUNCTION EITHER WITH MS.
9 BAILEY, MR. MCKNIGHT OR THE DEFENDANT OR ANY ATTORNEYS IN
10 THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE OR MR. MCKNIGHT'S OFFICE, IF SO
11 PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

12 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO EITHER
13 PERSONALLY HAS A FAMILY MEMBER OR A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND
14 EMPLOYED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

15 ALL RIGHT, MA'AM, IF YOU'D PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR
16 NAME AND JURY NUMBER AGAIN?

17 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR 285, [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] IS THIS A
20 FAMILY MEMBER, A FRIEND, OR YOU PERSONALLY?

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: FAMILY MEMBER.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND WHERE IS THAT FAMILY
23 MEMBER EMPLOYED?

24 JURY PANEL MEMBER: GEORGETOWN SHERIFF.

25 THE COURT: GEORGETOWN COUNTY?

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1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND WHAT IS THE
3 RELATIONSHIP, WHAT KIND OF FAMILY MEMBER?

4 JURY PANEL MEMBER: HE'S A FOURTH COUSIN.

5 THE COURT: AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MAINTAIN
6 CONTACT WITH THAT --

7 JURY PANEL MEMBER: NOT REALLY OFTEN, IF I SEE
8 HIM I SEE HIM, IF I DON'T, I DON'T. I DON'T GO VISIT HIM
9 AND HE DON'T COME VISIT ME.

10 THE COURT: HE'S NOT LISTED ON THE WITNESS LIST
11 THAT I READ OUT?

12 JURY PANEL MEMBER: THAT'S WHY I WAS WONDERING
13 ABOUT THE NAMES THAT YOU HAD CALLED. I PROBABLY MISSED IT.

14 THE COURT: OKAY, LET ME, LET ME GO OVER THE
15 LIST WITH YOU AGAIN,

16 ALL RIGHT, GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
17 WE HAVE REGINALD GRANT, MICHAEL THACKER ---

18 JURY PANEL MEMBER: GRANT.

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, REGINALD GRANT IS RELATED
20 TO YOU?

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES.

22 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] I
23 WILL EXCUSE YOU FROM THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH.

25 JURY PANEL MEMBER: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

1 THE COURT: IF YOU WOULD STAY WITH US I'LL
2 EXCUSE YOU IN JUST A MINUTE BUT I'M JUST GOING TO EXCUSE
3 YOU FROM THIS CASE SO PLEASE JUST STAY WITH US RIGHT NOW.

4 JURY PANEL MEMBER: ALL RIGHT.

5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THE GENTLEMAN DIRECTLY
6 BEHIND HER, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, PLEASE, SIR?

7 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 64, [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED].

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOU
10 PERSONALLY OR A FAMILY MEMBER?

11 JURY PANEL MEMBER: PERSONALLY.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND WHERE ARE YOU
13 EMPLOYED?

14 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I'M EMPLOYED IN ANDREWS.

15 THE COURT: OKAY, I MEAN IS THIS --

16 JURY PANEL MEMBER: A FRIEND.

17 THE COURT: A FRIEND THAT IS EMPLOYED IN LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT, ALL RIGHT, AND WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY?

19 JURY PANEL MEMBER: GEORGETOWN, I'M NOT SURE IF
20 IT'S SHERIFF OR, I'M NOT SURE, SHELLEY BRANTLY.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND HE'S NOT ON THE
22 WITNESS LIST, IT'S JUST A FRIEND?

23 JURY PANEL MEMBER: CLOSE FRIEND.

24 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, HE'S WITH THE CITY
25 POLICE DEPARTMENT, HOW OFTEN DO YOU SEE MR. BRANTLEY?

12

1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I SEE HIM ONCE A WHILE WHEN
2 HE COMES TO CHURCH AND TRY TO CALL HIM TO COME OUT
3 SOMETIMES TO THE SHOOTING RANGE AND SO FORTH.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, NOW WOULD YOUR
5 RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. BRANTLY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO BE
6 FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE STATE AND THE DEFENDANT IN
7 THIS CASE?

8 JURY PANEL MEMBER: NO, SIR.

9 THE COURT: WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO SET THAT
10 RELATIONSHIP ASIDE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IF YOU WERE SELECTED
11 AS A JUROR IN THIS CASE, BASE YOUR DECISION EXCLUSIVE ON
12 THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS CASE?

13 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

14 THE COURT: OKAY, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO
15 OUR ATTENTION. ALL RIGHT, THE GENTLEMAN RIGHT NEXT TO HIM,
16 SIR, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER?

17 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 75, [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]
19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] IS THIS A
20 FAMILY MEMBER OR --

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: FRIEND.

22 THE COURT: A FRIEND, EMPLOYED WITH WHO?

23 JURY PANEL MEMBER: GEORGETOWN SHERIFF.

24 THE COURT: OKAY, WAS THE FRIEND LISTED ON THE
25 WITNESS LIST?

1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

2 THE COURT: OKAY, AND WHO IS THE FRIEND?

3 JURY PANEL MEMBER: REGINALD GRANT.

4 THE COURT: OKAY, AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU SEE MR.
5 GRANT?

6 JURY PANEL MEMBER: NOT SO OFTEN BUT WE PRETTY
7 MUCH STAY IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER.

8 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] I'M
9 GOING TO EXCUSE YOU FROM PRESIDING IN THIS CASE, OKAY,
10 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION.

11 ALL RIGHT, THE LADY TO HIS RIGHT?

12 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I'M JUROR NUMBER 246,
13 [REDACTED]

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] WHO IS IT
15 THAT YOU KNOW?

16 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUST A FRIEND, CLAY KNORR,
17 HE'S THE SERGEANT ON THE PAWLEYS ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WOULD THAT RELATIONSHIP
19 AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE
20 DEFENDANT AND THE STATE IN THIS CASE?

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: NO, SIR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO
23 DISREGARD THAT RELATIONSHIP IN ITS ENTIRETY AND IF YOU WERE
24 SELECTED AS A JUROR BASE YOUR DECISION EXCLUSIVELY ON THE
25 TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE?

14

1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
3 THAT TO OUR ATTENTION.

4 ALL RIGHT, THE LADY IN THE ORANGE SHIRT?

5 JURY PANEL MEMBER: 116, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] WHO IS IT
7 THAT YOU KNOW?

8 JURY PANEL MEMBER: BRANDON MCCONNELL.

9 THE COURT: AND WHERE IS HE EMPLOYED?

10 JURY PANEL MEMBER: HE'S MY NEPHEW, THE
11 SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND THAT'S YOUR NEPHEW?

13 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

14 THE COURT: AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MAINTAIN
15 CONTACT WITH HIM?

16 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I SEE HIM BASICALLY SIX DAYS
17 A WEEK.

18 THE COURT: OKAY, WOULD THAT RELATIONSHIP AFFECT
19 YOUR ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE DEFENDANT
20 AND THE PLAINTIFF IN THIS CASE?

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I THINK SO.

22 THE COURT: OKAY, THANK YOU, MS. [REDACTED] FOR
23 BRINGING TO OUR ATTENTION, I'LL EXCUSE YOU FROM THIS CASE,
24 ALL RIGHT.

25 ALL RIGHT, THE LADY RIGHT BEHIND HER, YOUR NAME

1 BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION, I'LL EXCUSE YOU IN THIS
2 CASE.

3 ALL RIGHT, THE GENTLEMAN IN THE BACK, YOUR NAME
4 AND NUMBER?

5 JURY PANEL MEMBER: 52, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] WHO IS IT THAT
7 YOU KNOW?

8 JURY PANEL MEMBER: MY WIFE'S UNCLE, MY NEXT
9 DOOR NEIGHBOR, AND A CLOSE FRIEND. MY WIFE'S UNCLE'S NAME
10 IS MICHAEL LEWIS, NEIGHBOR NAME IS GARY TODD, AND THE CLOSE
11 FRIEND OF MINE IS WILLIAM BAXLEY.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WOULD THOSE RELATIONSHIPS
13 AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE
14 STATE AND THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE?

15 JURY PANEL MEMBER: NO, SIR.

16 THE COURT: WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO SET THOSE
17 RELATIONSHIPS ASIDE AND BASE YOUR DECISION IF YOU WERE
18 SELECTED AS A JUROR IN THIS CASE EXCLUSIVELY ON THE
19 TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS CASE?

20 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
22 THAT TO OUR ATTENTION, MR. [REDACTED]

23 ANYBODY ELSE RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE OR HAVE
24 A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND EMPLOYED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, IF SO
25 PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

1 HAS ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL FORMED OR
2 EXPRESSED AN OPINION ABOUT ANY ISSUE OR MATTER INVOLVED IN
3 THIS CASE, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

4 SIR, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER?

5 JURY PANEL MEMBER: 197, [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

6 THE COURT: I'M SORRY, YOUR NUMBER AGAIN?

7 JURY PANEL MEMBER: 197.

8 THE COURT: I APOLOGIZE, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO
9 PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME?

10 JURY PANEL MEMBER: [REDACTED]

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] YOU HAVE
12 YOU'VE SPOKEN WITH SOMEONE, EXPRESSED AN OPINION OR --

13 JURY PANEL MEMBER: DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE
14 CRIME, SIR, I HAVE JUST AN OPINION AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO
15 BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WELL, MR. [REDACTED] IF
17 YOU'D JUST STAY WITH US AND I'LL ADDRESS YOU IN JUST ONE
18 SECOND, OKAY.

19 ANYBODY ELSE EXPRESSED AN OPINION OR SPOKEN WITH
20 ANYONE ABOUT THIS CASE? (NO RESPONSE.)

21 ASIDE FROM MR. [REDACTED] IS ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY
22 PANEL AWARE OF ANY BIAS OR PREJUDICE TOWARDS EITHER THE
23 STATE OR THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

24 SIR, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER?

25 JURY PANEL MEMBER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] JUROR

1 NUMBER 264.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] IF YOU'D
3 JUST HAVE A SEAT AND I'LL CALL YOU UP IN JUST A SECOND,
4 OKAY.

5 ANYONE ELSE AWARE OF ANY BIAS OR PREJUDICE
6 TOWARDS EITHER THE STATE OR THE DEFENDANT, IF SO PLEASE
7 STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

8 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL THAT WAS A
9 MEMBER OF THE GRAND JURY THAT ISSUED THE INDICTMENT IN THIS
10 CASE, IF SO PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

11 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO IS A
12 MEMBER OF OR A CONTRIBUTOR TO ANY GROUP WHICH HAS AS ITS
13 PRIMARY CONCERN THE PROMOTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR VICTIMS
14 RIGHTS? SOME OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE BUT THEY'RE NOT
15 LIMITED TO, MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING OR WHAT'S
16 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS MADD, STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK
17 DRIVING OR WHAT'S COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS SADD, CAVE WHICH
18 IS CITIZENS AGAINST VIOLENT CRIME, OR CASA CITIZENS AGAINST
19 SPOUSAL ABUSE OR ANY OTHER SUCH ORGANIZATION, ANYBODY IN
20 THE JURY PANEL A MEMBER OF OR A CONTRIBUTOR TO ANY SUCH
21 ORGANIZATION, IF SO PLEASE STAND? (NO RESPONSE.)

22 ALL RIGHT, SIR, AND I APOLOGIZE, BUT YOU'LL NEED
23 TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER AGAIN?

24 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR 264, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] ARE YOU A

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1 MEMBER OF OR A CONTRIBUTOR TO ONE OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS?

2 JURY PANEL MEMBER: A CONTRIBUTOR TO MADD.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WOULD THE FACT THAT YOU
4 HAVE MADE DONATIONS TO THAT ORGANIZATION AFFECT YOUR
5 ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE STATE AND THE
6 DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE?

7 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES.

8 THE COURT: IT WOULD, OKAY, THANK YOU, MR.

9 [REDACTED] FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION I'LL EXCUSE
10 YOU FROM THIS CASE.

11 ANYBODY ELSE A MEMBER OF OR A CONTRIBUTOR TO ANY
12 SUCH ORGANIZATION?

13 IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO IS
14 CURRENTLY SERVING OR HAS SERVED IN ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED
15 STATES ARMED SERVICES, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

16 ALL RIGHT, STARTING WITH THE LADY UP FRONT, YOUR
17 NAME AND NUMBER?

18 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 266, [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED].

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] AND WHAT
21 BRANCH WERE YOU IN?

22 JURY PANEL MEMBER: ARMY.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND DO IT
24 THIS WAY, THE NEXT GENTLEMAN RIGHT BEHIND HER AND TO MY
25 RIGHT, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER?

1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 214, [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] WHAT BRANCH
4 WERE YOU IN?

5 JURY PANEL MEMBER: I WAS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. AND THE GENTLEMAN RIGHT
7 BEHIND HIM?

8 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 3, [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND WHAT BRANCH WERE YOU
11 IN, MR. [REDACTED]

12 JURY PANEL MEMBER: MARINES.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THE GENTLEMAN RIGHT
14 BEHIND HIM, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER?

15 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 161, [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] I WAS IN THE U.S. NAVY.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] AND THE
18 GENTLEMAN TO HIS RIGHT?

19 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR 52, [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] AND WHAT
21 BRANCH WERE YOU IN?

22 JURY PANEL MEMBER: ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND THEN THE GENTLEMAN IN
24 FRONT OF HIM?

25 JURY PANEL MEMBER: JUROR NUMBER 174, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SO THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE
3 NOW STANDING WERE ANY OF YOU INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT DIVISIONS WITHIN THE ARMED SERVICES IN WHICH
5 YOU SERVED?

6 ALL RESPONDING JURY PANEL MEMBERS: NO, SIR.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOUR SERVICE IN THE
8 ARMED SERVICES AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL
9 TO BOTH THE STATE AND THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE?

10 ALL RESPONDING JURY PANEL MEMBERS: NO, SIR.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, IF IT WOULD AFFECT ANYONE
12 PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND?

13 (NO RESPONSE FROM STANDING JURORS.)

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, COULD ALL OF YOU OR IS
15 THERE ANYONE, PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR RIGHT HAND, IS
16 THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISREGARD YOUR
17 SERVICE IN THE ARMED SERVICES IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BASE YOUR
18 DECISION IN THIS CASE EXCLUSIVELY ON THE TESTIMONY AND
19 EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS CASE? IF YOU COULD NOT DO THAT
20 PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND?

21 (NO RESPONSE FROM STANDING JURORS.)

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOU
23 MAY BE SEATED.

24 DOES ANY MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL KNOW OF ANY
25 REASON WHATSOEVER WHY HE OR SHE SHOULD NOT SERVE AS A JUROR

1 IN THIS CASE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON YOUR
2 ABILITY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE STATE AND THE
3 DEFENDANT, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

4 ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] IF YOU'D PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD?

6 (WHEREUPON, A BENCH CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON THE
7 RECORD IN THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY VENIRE, BUT OUT OF THE
8 HEARING OF THE JURY VENIRE AND THE COURT REPORTER.)

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO EXCUSE
10 JUROR 197 MR. [REDACTED]

11 IS THERE ANY MEMBER, ONCE AGAIN IS THERE ANY
12 MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL KNOW OF ANY REASON WHATSOEVER WHY
13 HE OR SHE SHOULD NOT SERVE AS A JUROR IN THIS CASE WITH
14 PARTICULAR EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON YOUR ABILITY TO BE FAIR
15 AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH THE STATE AND THE DEFENDANT, IF SO
16 PLEASE STAND?

17 YES, MA'AM, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER?

18 JURY PANEL MEMBER: 285, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I'VE ALREADY EXCUSED YOU.

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR, OKAY.

22 THE COURT: THANK YOU, ANYONE ELSE?

23 ALL RIGHT, AS I SAID THE INDICTMENTS IN THIS CASE
24 CHARGE THE DEFENDANT WITH DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE ON TWO
25 DIFFERENT TIMES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009, IS THERE ANY

1 MEMBER OF THE JURY PANEL WHO HAS HEARD ANYTHING, READ
2 ANYTHING, SEEN ANYTHING, DISCUSSED ANYTHING, OR KNOW
3 ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE, IF SO PLEASE STAND?

4 ALL RIGHT, ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONING FROM THE
5 STATE?

6 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
8 THOSE THAT YOU SUBMITTED ANY ADDITIONAL ONES FROM THE
9 DEFENSE?

10 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
11 HONOR.

12 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO DENY
13 YOUR REQUEST ON THAT ONE THAT YOU HAD SUBMITTED.

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: OKAY, COULD WE DO IT ON THE
15 RECORD LATER ON?

16 THE COURT: YEAH, THAT WOULD BE FINE.

17 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'VE GOT
19 THOSE THAT WE EXCUSED AND THEN PRINT OUT THE NEW ONES THAT
20 WOULD BE GOOD.

21 ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PROCEDURALLY
22 WHAT HAPPENS NOW IS THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXCUSED FROM
23 THIS PARTICULAR CASE YOUR NAMES ARE FED BACK INTO THE
24 COMPUTER AND SPIT OUT AT RANDOM AND A LIST IS GENERATED AND
25 YOUR NAMES WILL BE CALLED ONE AT A TIME ON THAT LIST, AND

1 WHEN YOUR NAMES ARE CALLED IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE, COME
2 FORWARD, STAND IN FRONT OF THE COURT REPORTER HERE AND FACE
3 THE ATTORNEYS AND THE STATE'S ATTORNEY WILL LOOK AT YOU A
4 LITTLE WHILE AND THEN LOOK AT HER NOTES A LITTLE WHILE AND
5 THEN LOOK BACK AT YOU A LITTLE WHILE AND MAYBE TALK TO HER
6 WITNESSES A LITTLE WHILE AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT SHE
7 WANTS TO STRIKE YOU OR KEEP YOU AND IF SHE DECIDES SHE
8 WANTS TO KEEP YOU THEN THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY IS GOING TO
9 LOOK AT YOU A LITTLE WHILE AND LOOK AT HIS NOTES A LITTLE
10 WHILE AND DISCUSS IT WITH HIS CLIENT A LITTLE WHILE AND
11 DECIDE WHETHER HE WANTS TO KEEP YOU AND IF THEY DECIDE THEY
12 WANT TO KEEP YOU THEN YOU WILL BE DIRECTED INTO THE JURY
13 BOX. EACH SIDE GETS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF STRIKES.

14 NOW IF EITHER THE STATE OR THE DEFENSE STRIKES
15 YOU AS A JUROR IN THIS CASE PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT
16 PERSONALLY. IT JUST MEANS THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON YOU DO
17 NOT FIT THAT PARTY'S PROFILE THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR IN
18 THIS PARTICULAR CASE FOR WHATEVER REASON. I'VE OFTEN KNOWN
19 ATTORNEYS THAT WILL STRIKE A JUROR IN ONE CASE AND ACCEPT
20 THEM IN THE NEXT CASE. I'VE ALSO KNOWN THEM TO ACCEPT THEM
21 IN ONE CASE AND THEN STRIKE THEM IN THE NEXT CASE SO,
22 PLEASE, DO NOT TAKE IT PERSONALLY IF YOUR NAME IS STRUCK.

23 WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED IF YOU'D, PLEASE, COME
24 FORWARD AND BRING WITH YOU ANY POCKETBOOKS, UMBRELLAS,
25 COATS, OR ANYTHING THAT YOU MAY HAVE WITH YOU. ALL RIGHT,

1 ARE WE READY?

2 MADAM CLERK: JUROR NUMBER 266, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3 THE COURT: JUST TURN AROUND AND FACE THE
4 ATTORNEYS, THANK YOU.

5 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

6 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]

7 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

8 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]

9 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
10 BOX.

11 THE COURT: IT'S 5 AND 5, THAT'S WHAT I WAS
12 THINKING, IT'S 5 AND 5, ISN'T IT?

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: I BELIEVE IT IS.

14 MADAM CLERK: JUROR NUMBER 268, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
15 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

16 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]

17 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: SEAT MR. [REDACTED] PLEASE.

19 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
20 BOX.

21 JUROR NUMBER 7, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

23 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]

24 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MR. [REDACTED]

1 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
2 BOX.
3 JUROR NUMBER 15, [REDACTED]
4 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
5 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE EXCUSE MS. [REDACTED]
6 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.
7 JUROR NUMBER 161, [REDACTED]
8 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
9 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]
10 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
11 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE EXCUSE MR. [REDACTED]
12 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.
13 JUROR NUMBER 53, [REDACTED]
14 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
15 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]
16 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
17 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE EXCUSE MS. [REDACTED]
18 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.
19 JUROR NUMBER 3, [REDACTED]
20 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
21 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE EXCUSE MR. [REDACTED]
22 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.
23 JUROR NUMBER 250, [REDACTED]
24 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
25 MS. BAILEY: WOULD YOU REPEAT MS. [REDACTED]

1 NUMBER, PLEASE?
2 MADAM CLERK: 250.
3 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]
4 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
5 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]
6 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
7 BOX.
8 JUROR NUMBER 214, [REDACTED] [REDACTED].
9 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
10 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]
11 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
12 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE EXCUSE MR. [REDACTED]
13 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.
14 JUROR NUMBER 30, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
15 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
16 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]
17 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
18 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]
19 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
20 BOX.
21 JUROR NUMBER 50, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
22 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
23 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]
24 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
25 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MR. [REDACTED]

1 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY

2 BOX.

3 JUROR NUMBER 206, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

5 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]

6 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: SEAT MR. [REDACTED].

8 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY

9 BOX.

10 JUROR NUMBER 11, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

12 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]

13 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: SEAT MS. [REDACTED] PLEASE.

15 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY

16 BOX.

17 JUROR NUMBER 180, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

19 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE EXCUSE MS. [REDACTED]

20 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.

21 JUROR NUMBER 246, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

23 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]

24 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE EXCUSE MS. [REDACTED]

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1 MADAM CLERK: YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR SEAT.
2 JUROR NUMBER 93, [REDACTED]
3 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
4 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED].
5 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
6 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]
7 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
8 BOX.
9 JUROR NUMBER 174, [REDACTED]
10 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
11 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MR. [REDACTED]
12 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
13 MR. MCKNIGHT: SEAT MR. [REDACTED]
14 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
15 BOX.
16 JUROR NUMBER 68, [REDACTED]
17 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
18 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]
19 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?
20 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]
21 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
22 BOX.
23 JUROR NUMBER 21, [REDACTED]
24 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?
25 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]

1 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]

3 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
4 BOX.

5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S SELECT TWO
6 ALTERNATES, THE FIRST ALTERNATE THE STATE HAS ONE STRIKE
7 AND THE DEFENSE HAS TWO STRIKES; AND THEN FOR THE SECOND
8 ALTERNATE THE STATE WILL HAVE ONE AND THE DEFENSE WILL HAVE
9 TWO.

10 MADAM CLERK: JUROR NUMBER 58, [REDACTED]
11 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

12 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]

13 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]

15 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
16 BOX.

17 JUROR NUMBER 283, [REDACTED]

18 WHAT SAYS THE STATE?

19 MS. BAILEY: PLEASE PRESENT MS. [REDACTED]

20 MADAM CLERK: WHAT SAYS THE DEFENSE?

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE SEAT MS. [REDACTED]

22 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE TAKE A SEAT IN THE JURY
23 BOX.

24 THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY,
25 YOU'LL BE THE JURY IN THIS CASE. I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU

1 BACK TO THE JURY ROOM FOR JUST A MINUTE WHILE I EXCUSE THE
2 REMAINING PANEL AND I GO OVER SOME MATTERS WITH THE
3 ATTORNEYS BEFORE WE START THIS CASE. IT WILL GIVE YOU AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO STRETCH YOUR LEGS, SEE THE JURY ROOM WHERE
5 YOU WILL BE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS TRIAL.

6 ALSO WHILE YOU'RE BACK THERE I'M GOING TO ASK YOU
7 TO DO ME A FAVOR AND THAT IS TO SELECT A FOREPERSON FOR THE
8 JURY. IF YOU CANNOT SELECT A FOREPERSON DON'T WORRY ABOUT
9 IT, I CAN APPOINT SOMEONE TO SERVE AS FOREPERSON, AND MANY
10 JUDGES APPOINT THEIR OWN FOREPERSON. I LIKE TO LET THE
11 JURY TRY TO SELECT SOMEONE ON THEIR OWN IF THEY CAN AND I
12 KNOW YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER AND YOU DON'T KNOW
13 WHO CAN SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY BUT LET ME JUST TELL YOU
14 THAT THE FOREPERSON HAS ABSOLUTELY NO MORE AUTHORITY, AND
15 NO MORE INFLUENCE, NO MORE IMPORTANCE THAN ANY OTHER JUROR.
16 THE SOLE FUNCTION OF THE FOREPERSON IS TO ACT AS A LIAISON
17 BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE JURY. IF THE JURY HAS A NEED THE
18 FOREPERSON NOTIFIES THE BAILIFF. IF THE JURY HAS A
19 QUESTION THE FOREPERSON NOTIFIES THE COURT AND THEN WHEN
20 IT'S TIME TO DELIBERATE THE FOREPERSON WILL PRESIDE OVER
21 THE DELIBERATION BUT OTHER THAN THAT THE FOREPERSON HAS NO
22 MORE IMPORTANCE, NO MORE AUTHORITY, OR NO MORE INFLUENCE
23 THAN ANY OTHER JUROR.

24 THE ONLY RESTRICTION IS THAT MS. [REDACTED] AND MS.
25 [REDACTED] YOU WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SERVE AS FOREPERSON

1 BECAUSE AT THIS POINT IN TIME YOU ARE ALTERNATES ON THIS
2 JURY AND NOW WHEN YOU SELECT A FOREPERSON IF YOU WOULD JUST
3 WRITE THE FOREPERSON'S NAME ON A SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE
4 JURY NUMBER GIVE IT TO THE BAILIFF AND THEY WILL BRING IT
5 BACK INTO THE COURT.

6 WHEN YOU COME BACK INTO THE COURTROOM THE
7 FOREPERSON WILL ALWAYS OCCUPY THIS FIRST SEAT CLOSEST TO
8 THE WITNESS STAND. THE ALTERNATES WILL ALWAYS SIT IN THE
9 SEATS WHERE YOU ARE NOW SEATING AND THE REST OF YOU ARE AT
10 LIBERTY TO SIT IN WHICHEVER SEAT YOU WANT TO SIT IN. IF
11 YOU WANT TO SIT IN THE SAME SEAT THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL OF
12 THE CASE YOU CAN DO THAT. IF YOU WANT TO ALTERNATE SEATS
13 THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL OF THE CASE YOU CAN DO THAT. THE ONLY
14 REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE FOREPERSON SITS CLOSEST TO THE
15 WITNESS AND THE JUDGE AND THE ALTERNATES SIT IN THE SEATS
16 DESIGNATED FOR ALTERNATES AND THAT'S THE ONLY REQUIREMENT.

17 I', GOING TO BRING YOU BACK OUT SHORTLY, WE'LL
18 START THE TRIAL OF THE CASE. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME
19 PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS AT THAT POINT IN TIME AND I'M
20 GOING TO EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM FOR JUST A BRIEF
21 MINUTE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EVERYONE ELSE PLEASE REMAIN
22 SEATED WHILE THE JURY IS EXCUSED.

23 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT
24 10:48 A.M.)

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANY CHALLENGES TO THE

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1 SELECTION OR COMPOSITION OF THE JURY BY THE STATE?

2 MS. BAILEY: NONE FROM THE STATE, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: ANY FROM THE DEFENSE?

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
5 HONOR.

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND
7 GENTLEMEN, THOSE OF YOU WHO REMAIN IN THE JURY PANEL WE
8 HAVE OUR JURY FOR THIS CASE AND SO YOUR SERVICES WILL NOT
9 BE NEEDED ON THIS PARTICULAR CASE. YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN
10 GIVEN A PHONE NUMBER TO CALL BACK TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE
11 AFTER 6 P.M. TODAY AND THAT WILL GIVE YOU FURTHER
12 DIRECTIONS AS TO WHEN AND WHERE YOU WOULD NEED TO RETURN IF
13 YOUR SERVICES ARE NEEDED, BUT I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE
14 THIS MORNING BUT I WILL EXCUSE YOU. I'M ASSUMING JUDGE
15 HYMAN DOESN'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE DAY, DOES HE?

16 MADAM CLERK: CALL BACK.

17 THE COURT: THEY JUST CALL BACK AFTER 6,
18 CORRECT, PLEASE CALL BACK THAT NUMBER AFTER 6 P.M. TODAY,
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND YOU'RE FREE TO GO.

20 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY VENIRE WERE EXCUSED AT 10:50
21 A.M.)

22 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE STATE?

23 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME THE STATE
24 WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO AMEND THE TWO INDICTMENTS THAT THE
25 STATE HAS CALLED TO CORRECT SCRIVENERS ERRORS. ON 2010-GS-

1 22-00181 IT CURRENTLY READS THAT QUENTIN J. HOLT DID IN
2 GEORGETOWN COUNTY ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15TH OF 2009, THE STATE
3 WOULD MOVE TO AMEND ON THAT PARTICULAR INDICTMENT THAT THE
4 DATE BE CHANGED TO JUNE 17TH OF 2009.

5 AND ON 2010-GS-22-00179 THE INDICTMENT CURRENTLY
6 READS THAT QUENTIN J. HOLT DID IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY ON OR
7 ABOUT JUNE 14TH OF 2009, THE STATE WOULD MOVE TO AMEND THAT
8 INDICTMENT TO CHANGE THE DATE TO JUNE 20TH OF 2009.

9 THE STATE CONTENDS THAT THESE AMENDMENTS ARE
10 PROPER BECAUSE THE INDICTMENT IS A NOTICE DOCUMENT AND THE
11 DEFENDANT WAS PUT ON NOTICE WHEN THE INDICTMENTS WERE
12 WORDED THAT THEY WERE ON OR ABOUT THAT DATE. IN ADDITION
13 THE DEFENDANT ---

14 THE COURT: ON OR ABOUT WHAT DATES?

15 MS. BAILEY: ON OR ABOUT THE ORIGINAL DATES IN
16 THE INDICTMENTS.

17 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

18 MS. BAILEY: AND THAT IN ADDITION TO THAT THE
19 DEFENDANT WAS PROVIDED DISCOVERY IN A TIMELY MANNER THAT
20 PROVIDED THE DATES THAT I AM MOVING TO AMEND TO.

21 IN ADDITION THE STATE HAS THE MOST RECENT CASE
22 LAW OUTLINING THAT, THAT THE INDICTMENTS ARE A NOTICE
23 DOCUMENT AND THAT THE AMENDMENT IS PROPER.

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT, LET ME HEAR
25 FROM YOU?

1 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THE, THE DEFENSE
2 RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES ANY AMENDMENT OF ANY OF THE
3 INDICTMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE STATE. THE STATE ALLEGES IN
4 ITS MOTION TO AMEND THAT, AND CORRECTLY SO, THAT THE
5 DOCUMENT ITSELF, THE INDICTMENT IS A NOTICE DOCUMENT,
6 HOWEVER, YOUR HONOR, THE DISCOVERY WITH WHICH WE ARE
7 PROVIDED CONTAINS A BROAD AMOUNT OF DATES, THE 15TH OF
8 JUNE, THE 14TH OF JUNE. THERE'S SOME REFERENCE TO THE 20TH
9 AND THERE'S SOME REFERENCE TO OTHER DAYS. I DO NOT BELIEVE
10 THAT THE CASE LAW AS IN IS IN SOUTH CAROLINA EVEN THOUGH IT
11 PROVIDES THAT THE, THAT THE INDICTMENT IS A NOTICE DOCUMENT
12 GIVES THEM SUCH BROAD LEEWAY THAT THEY CAN JUST SAY
13 SOMETIME IN THE MONTH OF JUNE AND THEN COME BACK AT THE
14 TIME OF TRIAL WHEN WE ARE READY TO GO FORWARD AND COME UP
15 WITH A SPECIFIC DATE.

16 THE WARRANT ITSELF GOES ON DAYS FROM THE 14TH TO
17 THE 21ST, HOWEVER, YOUR HONOR, THEN YOU GET OTHER DAYS,
18 OTHER DOCUMENTS IN IT THAT REFERENCE OTHER DAYS. I DO NOT
19 BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A NOTICE
20 DOCUMENT IT PUTS YOU ON NOTICE OF (1) THAT THE PERSON IS
21 CHARGED WITH A CRIME, AND JUST THE LOCATION OF THE CRIME
22 AND THE JURISDICTION. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY MEET THE
23 REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED IN THE INDICTMENT IN THAT WE HAVE TO
24 BE GIVEN A PARTICULAR DATE AS TO WHEN IT IS BECAUSE, YOUR
25 HONOR, WE BASED OUR DEFENSE ON THAT. ALLOWING THEM TO DO

1 THAT BASICALLY PUTS US IN THE, IN THE FRAME OF THE MINDSET
2 OF HAVING TO MOUNT A DEFENSE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE
3 AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WHAT THE
4 SUPREME COURT AND/OR COURT OF APPEALS IN SOUTH CAROLINA
5 INTENDED, SO BASED UPON THAT, YOUR HONOR, WE OPPOSE ANY
6 SUCH AMENDMENT.

7 THE COURT: WELL I MEAN IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE
8 HOW IS YOUR CLIENT PREJUDICED BY CHANGING INDICTMENT 2010-
9 GS-22-181 FROM JUNE 15TH TO JUNE 17TH AND THEN THE OTHER
10 INDICTMENT FROM CHANGING IT FROM JUNE 14TH TO JUNE 20TH;
11 WHAT IS THE PREJUDICE IN THIS CASE TO YOUR CLIENT?

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, ANY DEFENSE THAT
13 WE'VE, IF WE CHOOSE TO MOUNT A DEFENSE, IF I CHOOSE TO HAVE
14 MY CLIENT TAKE THE STAND AND CALL WITNESSES THOSE WITNESSES
15 AND MY CLIENT HAVE BEEN PREPPED TO ADDRESS THE DAY OF THE
16 15TH THAT WAS ALLEGED IN THE INDICTMENT.

17 THE COURT: YEAH, BUT I MEAN HAVE YOU PUT THEM
18 ON NOTICE AS TO ANY ALIBI DEFENSE OR ANYTHING?

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, YOUR HONOR, I HAVE.

20 THE COURT: FOR THESE DATES THE 14TH?

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO, NOT FOR THESE DATES ---

22 THE COURT: AND THE 15TH?

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: --- BUT FOR ANOTHER DAY.

24 THE COURT: OKAY, FOR THE, WAS YOUR ALIBI
25 DEFENSE BASED UPON JUNE 14TH AND JUNE 15TH?

1 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO, IT WAS NOT, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FURTHER?

3 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, JUST, I WOULD JUST
4 NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT THE INCIDENT REPORTS DO GIVE A
5 SPECIFIC DATE AND THEY GAVE THE DATES THAT THE STATE IS
6 MOVING TO AMEND THE INDICTMENTS TO.

7 THE COURT: OKAY, BUT HE'S SAYING THAT IT GAVE
8 THOSE DATES BUT IT ALSO GAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER DATES WHICH
9 INCLUDED THE 14TH AND THE 15TH.

10 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE WARRANTS GAVE A
11 RANGE OF DATES THAT WERE THE 14TH THROUGH THE 20TH BUT THE
12 INCIDENT REPORTS GAVE THE SPECIFIC DATES THAT THESE BUYS
13 HAPPENED AND THOSE ARE THE DATES THAT WE ARE MOVING TO
14 AMEND THESE INDICTMENTS TO. IN ADDITION WHILE THE DEFENSE
15 DID INFORM THE STATE LAST NIGHT THAT THERE MAY BE AN ALIBI
16 DEFENSE IN THIS CASE, IT WAS NOT DONE PURSUANT TO THE RULE
17 OF 10 DAYS NOTICE AND ALL THAT.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THEREIN LIES THE
20 PROBLEM. YOU HAVE THEM RELYING ON AN INCIDENT REPORT BUT
21 THEN SEEKING TO SUBSTITUTE WHICH IS NOT A SWORN DOCUMENT
22 AND THEN SEEMING AS IF THEY WANT TO DISREGARD WHAT WAS IN A
23 SWORN DOCUMENT IN AN ARREST WARRANT IN WHICH THEY WENT
24 BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

25 THE COURT: YEAH, BUT AND I CAN SEE YOUR POINT

1 IF YOU WERE PRESENTING AN ALIBI DEFENSE FOR THE DATES THAT
2 WERE LISTED IN THE INDICTMENT BUT WHEN YOU'RE NOT
3 PRESENTING AN ALIBI DEFENSE FOR THOSE SPECIFIC DATES I
4 DON'T SEE THE PREJUDICE TO YOUR CLIENT BY ALLOWING THE
5 AMENDMENT SO I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GRANT THE MOTION.
6 HAVE WE GOT THE ORIGINAL INDICTMENTS?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM YET.

8 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE ORIGINAL
9 INDICTMENTS SHOULD BE WITH THE CLERK, ON FILE WITH THE
10 CLERK'S OFFICE.

11 THE COURT: I WAS GIVEN COPIES. ALL RIGHT, ALL
12 RIGHT, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GRANT THE STATE'S MOTION,
13 INDICTMENT NUMBER 2010-GS-22-181 IS AMENDED TO READ THAT
14 QUENTIN J. HOLT DID IN GEORGETOWN COUNT ON OR ABOUT JUNE
15 THE 17TH 2009 AND THEN THE REMAINING INDICTMENT WILL REMAIN
16 THE SAME.

17 LIKEWISE 2010-GS-22-179 IS TO READ THAT QUENTIN
18 J. HOLT DID IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20TH,
19 2009, AND THEN THE REMAINING WOULD READ THE SAME, ALL
20 RIGHT.

21 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND
23 WRITE THESE IN AND INITIAL. ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE GET
24 STARTED?

25 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE STATE.

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1 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, YOUR HONOR, I HAVE SOME
3 MOTIONS I'D LIKE THE COURT TO ADDRESS AT THIS TIME.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: MY FIRST MOTION, YOUR HONOR,
6 WOULD BE A MOTION TO SEQUESTER THE WITNESSES THAT
7 POTENTIALLY GOING TO BE CALLED BY THE STATE. WE BELIEVE
8 THAT HAVING THEM PRESENT IN THE COURTROOM ROBS THE
9 TESTIMONY OF ITS TRUE VERACITY AND THE FORTHRIGHTNESS AND
10 WOULD MOVE THAT ANYONE, I UNDERSTAND THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
11 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE PERSON PRESENT AT THE TABLE, THAT'S
12 FINE, BUT THEY'VE GOT FOUR OR FIVE WITNESSES LISTED AND
13 WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM SEQUESTERED.

14 BEYOND THAT ACTUAL SEQUESTRATION WE'D ALSO LIKE
15 TO HAVE THEM TELEPHONICALLY AND ELECTRONICALLY SEQUESTERED,
16 THAT IS FROM PREVENTING THEM FROM TEXTING AND/OR E-MAILING
17 EACH OTHER DURING THIS TRIAL.

18 THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES IN OTHER TRIALS OUTSIDE
19 OF THIS JURISDICTION WHERE PEOPLE HAVE SENT AN E-MAIL OR
20 TEXTING, I'M NOT SAYING LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS DONE THIS BUT
21 I'VE SEEN DEFENDANTS DO THIS.

22 THE COURT: OKAY.

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: AND THAT'S NOT --

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY, WHAT'S YOUR
25 POSITION?

1 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE HAS NO
2 OBJECTION TO THAT OTHER THAN THE STATE WOULD REQUEST UNDER
3 THE RULE THAT REGGIE GRANT WHO IS THE LEAD AGENT ON THIS
4 CASE BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COURTROOM DURING THE
5 DURATION OF THE TRIAL. IN ADDITION IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOR THE CITY DON'T HAVE
7 BLACKBERRY'S OR ANYTHING BUT THAT THEY BE, THAT MY OFFICERS
8 SINCE THEY'RE GOING TO BE SEQUESTERED MAYBE ALL DAY THAT
9 THEY BE ALLOWED TO CHECK IN WITH THEIR SUPERVISORS OR WHAT
10 NOT BUT TO NOT TALK ABOUT THE CASE, THE STATE HAS NO
11 OBJECTION OF THEM NOT TALKING ABOUT THE CASE.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO
13 GRANT YOUR MOTION TO SEQUESTER THE WITNESSES. OFFICER
14 GRANT WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COURTROOM FOR THE
15 STATE; THE DEFENDANT WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN FOR THE
16 DEFENSE. ANYBODY ELSE WHO IS GOING TO TESTIFY IN THIS CASE
17 WILL BE SEQUESTERED AND I'M JUST GOING TO PUT THEM UNDER AN
18 ORDER NOT TO DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH ANYONE WHETHER IT BE BY
19 TEXT, TWITTER, TELEPHONE, PERSONAL CONVERSATION, WHATEVER
20 THE CASE MAY BE, OKAY.

21 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING ELSE?

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: ONE OTHER MOTION, YOUR HONOR,
24 THAT'S A MOTION TO REVEAL THE DEAL. THERE IS A
25 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, WELL HE'S NOT CONFIDENTIAL ANYMORE,

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1 AND WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A DEAL STRUCK WITH LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT AND THE GENTLEMAN TO SECURE HIS, HIS VALIANT
3 EFFORTS IN THIS CASE AND WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE QUID
4 PRO QUO IS BETWEEN MR. JOE NATHAN LEWIS AND/OR THE VARIOUS
5 MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

6 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE HAS PROVIDED,
7 YESTERDAY THE STATE PROVIDED TO MR. MCKNIGHT A COPY OF
8 WHAT'S CALLED THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU SURVEILLANCE
9 REPORT ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FOR THIS BUY, ONE FOR
10 EACH BUY, AND AT THE BOTTOM IT INDICATES THAT MR. LEWIS,
11 THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, WAS PAID FOR THESE BUYS. AT
12 THE TIME THAT HE MADE THESE PURCHASES UNDERCOVER HE DID NOT
13 HAVE ANY PENDING CHARGES AND AT THAT TIME HE WAS DOING THIS
14 FOR MONEY. HE DOES CURRENTLY HAVE PENDING CHARGES AND THE
15 STATE HAS MADE NO DEAL WITH HIM REGARDING HIS TESTIMONY
16 HERE TODAY OTHER THAN THIS. HE HAS A PENDING CHARGE IN
17 HORRY COUNTY, PENDING CHARGE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY, THE
18 STATE HAS TOLD HIM WE WILL RESOLVE BOTH OF THOSE CHARGES AT
19 ONE TIME BUT HAS MADE NO OFFERS OR DEALS.

20 THE COURT: OKAY, SO THE PENDING CHARGES THAT
21 AROSE AFTER HIS WORK ON THESE CASES YOU'VE AGREED TO
22 RESOLVE THEM ALL AT ONE TIME.

23 MS. BAILEY: YES.

24 THE COURT: AND HE WAS PAID FOR HIS SERVICES AS
25 A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT.

1 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

3 MS. BAILEY: AND JUST FOR THE COURT'S
4 INFORMATION JUST SO EVERYBODY KNOWS HE ALSO HAS A PENDING
5 CHARGE IN CHARLESTON COUNTY. THE STATE DID CONTACT THE
6 SOLICITOR IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, NOT TO MAKE ANY DEALS OR
7 RECOMMENDATIONS BUT JUST TO INFORM THEM THAT MR. LEWIS WAS
8 INCARCERATED HERE AND CHARLESTON COUNTY INDICATED THAT THEY
9 WERE CONSIDERING TRANSMITTING THE WARRANT HERE FOR
10 DISPOSITION. THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO AND I DON'T THINK THEY
11 PLAN TO SO HE ALSO HAS ANOTHER PENDING CHARGE.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT, ANYTHING
13 ELSE?

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FROM THE STATE?

16 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: ONE OF THE BAILIFFS YOU WANT TO
18 CHECK TO SEE IF THEY'VE GOT A FOREPERSON YET?

19 MS. BAILEY: JUST AS A MATTER OF SCHEDULING,
20 YOUR HONOR, THE STATE IS PREPARED TO OPEN AND PUT UP MY
21 FIRST WITNESS WHICH IS MR. REGGIE GRANT. AFTER THAT THE
22 STATE IS GOING TO REQUEST A BRIEF RECESS BECAUSE WE HAVE
23 SOME TECHNOLOGY TO SET UP FOR THE NEXT WITNESS AND I ALSO
24 NEED TO BRIEFLY SPEAK WITH MY WITNESS WHO IS IN LOCK UP.

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

1 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, JUST SO YOU KNOW AT
2 THE APPROPRIATE TIME I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY
3 OBJECTION AND/OR MOTION WITH REGARD TO THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL
4 SET UP. THERE'S A PIECE OF EVIDENCE THEY'RE ATTEMPTING
5 THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS.

6 THE COURT: ADDRESS IT IN A MOTION IN LIMINE NOW?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO, I'D LIKE TO CHASE THE WARRANT
8 FIRST.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, GOT YOU. THEY HAVE
10 SELECTED JUROR NUMBER 206 [REDACTED] AS THE FOREPERSON.
11 THEY JUST WROTE NUMBER 206 [REDACTED] ON A SHEET OF
12 PAPER, I'M GOING TO MARK THAT AS COURT'S EXHIBIT 1.

13 (WHEREUPON, COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 1 MARKED FOR
14 IDENTIFICATION.)

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THE
16 STATE BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY IN?

17 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, MAY THE STATE TAKE A
18 VERY BRIEF BATHROOM BREAK?

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S TAKE ABOUT A 10
20 MINUTE BREAK THEN WE'LL COME BACK AND GET STARTED.

21 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

23 (WHEREUPON, A RECESS WAS TAKEN AND THE FOLLOWING
24 TAKES PLACE ON THE RECORD AFTER THE RECESS.)

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FROM THE STATE

1 BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY IN?

2 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
5 HONOR.

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S BRING THE JURY IN.
7 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
8 11:21 A.M.)

9 THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME BACK,
10 I UNDERSTAND, MR. [REDACTED] YOU'VE BEEN SELECTED AS THE ---

11 THE FOREPERSON: [REDACTED]

12 THE COURT: --- [REDACTED] I'M SORRY, YEAH, [REDACTED]
13 I'M SORRY, YOU'VE BEEN SELECTED AS THE FOREPERSON OF THIS
14 JURY AND I THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY. IF
15 YOU'D ALWAYS OCCUPY THE SEAT WHERE YOU'RE NOW SITTING.
16 LIKEWISE, MS. [REDACTED] AND MS. [REDACTED] IF YOU'D ALWAYS OCCUPY
17 YOUR SEATS AND THEN THE REST OF YOU AS I SAID EARLIER WOULD
18 NEED TO SIT WHEREVER YOU'D LIKE TO THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL OF
19 THE CASE WHETHER IT BE THE SAME SEAT, ALTERNATE SEATS, OR
20 WHATEVER MAKES YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE.

21 ALL RIGHT, I'M GETTING READY TO GIVE YOU SOME
22 PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS CASE BUT AS I TOLD YOU
23 DURING THE JURY QUALIFICATIONS AND THEN DURING THE VOIR
24 DIRE PORTION YOU'RE CONSTANTLY TAKING OATHS, SO ONCE AGAIN
25 I NEED EVERYONE ON THE JURY TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR

1 RIGHT HAND WHILE THE CLERK OF COURT ADMINISTERS THE OATH
2 FOR YOU IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

3 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY WAS SWORN.)

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF
5 THE JURY PANEL WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO THE OATH BY SAYING I
6 DO, PLEASE STAND?

7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND
9 GENTLEMEN, WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN THE TRIAL OF THE CASE OF
10 THE STATE V. QUENTIN J. HOLT AND MR. HOLT IS CHARGED UNDER
11 TWO INDICTMENTS. FOR EACH INDICTMENT HE FIRST, ONE, STATES
12 THAT IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY ON OR ABOUT JUNE 17TH, 2009,
13 QUENTIN J. HOLT DID DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, OR DELIVER OR DID
14 AID, ABET, ATTEMPT OR CONSPIRE TO DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE OR
15 DELIVER A QUANTITY OF COCAINE BASE WHICH IS A CONTROLLED
16 SUBSTANCE IN THIS STATE.

17 ALSO, STATES THAT MR. HOLT DID IN GEORGETOWN
18 COUNTY ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20TH, 2009, DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE,
19 OR DELIVER OR DID AID, ABET, ATTEMPT OR CONSPIRE TO
20 DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, OR DELIVER A QUANTITY OF COCAINE BASE
21 WHICH IS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

22 NOW BEFORE WE BEGIN THIS TRIAL I WANT TO TELL YOU
23 THAT THIS TRIAL WILL PROBABLY BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU
24 MIGHT EXPECT. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO ATTEND
25 ACTUAL COURT SESSIONS AS YOU'RE DOING SO NOW AND MAY THINK

1 FROM WATCHING TELEVISION OR THE MOVIES OR READING BOOKS
2 THAT TRIALS ARE FULL OF A LOT OF DRAMA, A LOT OF ACTION, A
3 LOT OF HIGH ANXIETY, AND WHILE THAT MAY BE THE CASE IN THIS
4 TRIAL IT PROBABLY WON'T BE. IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF
5 OUR DEMOCRACY, A SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE
6 SURE THAT JUSTICE IS DONE BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN THIS COURT
7 THAT NOW APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT.

8 SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH AND MAKING SURE THAT
9 JUSTICE IS DONE IS OFTEN A SLOW DELIBERATE REPETITIVE
10 PROCESS, THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU MIGHT BE ACCUSTOMED TO ON
11 THE MOVIES, T.V., READING BOOKS, AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

12 NOW THE ATTORNEYS APPEARING BEFORE YOU ARE
13 ADVOCATES FOR THE PARTIES THEY REPRESENT BUT FIRST AND
14 FOREMOST THEY'RE OFFICERS OF THE COURT. THEY'RE SWORN TO
15 UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY AND FAIRNESS OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM
16 AND TO HELP YOU IN A SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH. YOU SHOULD
17 EXPECT THEM TO BE PROFESSIONAL, COMPETENT, AND ETHICAL IN
18 THE REPRESENTATION OF THEIR CLIENT'S INTEREST.

19 NOW WHAT I WILL NOW SAY IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS
20 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE. THESE REMARKS
21 ARE NOT A CHARGE ON THE LAW. I WILL INSTRUCT YOU ON THE
22 LAW APPLICABLE IN THIS CASE AT THE END OF THE TRIAL BEFORE
23 YOU RETIRE TO CONSIDER YOUR VERDICT. THIS IS MERELY AN
24 EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEDURE THAT WE WILL FOLLOW IN THE
25 TRIAL OF THIS CASE SO THAT YOU CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT

1 MIGHT BE HAPPENING.

2 NOW AS I STATED TO YOU THE DEFENDANT IS CHARGED
3 UNDER TWO INDICTMENTS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE, OR
4 WHAT'S COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS CRACK COCAINE, THE ELEMENTS
5 OF WHICH I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU LATER. NOW THESE INDICTMENTS
6 ARE SIMPLY THE CHARGE BY WHICH THIS CASE IS BROUGHT INTO
7 COURT AND IS NOT IN ANY SENSE EVIDENCE OF ALLEGATIONS
8 CONTAINED IN THE INDICTMENTS.

9 THE DEFENDANT HAS PLED NOT GUILTY TO THESE
10 INDICTMENTS AND, THEREFORE, THE STATE HAS THE BURDEN OF
11 PROVING EACH ELEMENT OF THE INDICTMENT BEYOND A REASONABLE
12 DOUBT. IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO
13 DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE HAS MET THAT BURDEN. YOUR
14 PURPOSE AS JURORS IS TO FIND AND DETERMINE THE FACTORS OF
15 THIS CASE.

16 YOU ARE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE FACTS OF THIS CASE.
17 IF AT ANY TIME I MAKE A COMMENT REGARDING THE FACTS YOU
18 MUST DISREGARD MY COMMENTS. YOU ARE TO DETERMINE THE FACTS
19 FROM THE TESTIMONY YOU HEAR AND OTHER EVIDENCE INTRODUCED
20 IN COURT. IT IS UP TO YOU TO DETERMINE THE INFERENCES
21 WHICH YOU MAY FEEL PROPERLY OR WHICH YOU FEEL MAY PROPERLY
22 BE DRAWN FROM THAT EVIDENCE.

23 IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU PERFORM YOUR
24 DUTY OF DETERMINING THE FACTS DILIGENTLY AND CONSCIOUSLY
25 BECAUSE ORDINARILY THERE'S NO WAY TO REVERSE A FACTUAL

1 FINDING BY A JURY.

2 ON THE OTHER HAND AND WITH EQUAL EMPHASIS THE
3 SAME LAW THAT MAKES YOU THE JUDGE OF THE FACTS IN THIS CASE
4 MAKES ME THE JUDGE OF THE LAW. THE LAW AS GIVEN BY THE
5 COURT IS THE ONLY LAW YOU MAY CONSIDER. YOU MUST ACCEPT
6 AND FOLLOW THE LAW AS I GIVE IT TO YOU EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY
7 DISAGREE WITH IT. JUST AS I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT THE FACTS
8 OF THIS CASE ARE YOU CANNOT DISAGREE WITH ME ABOUT THE LAW
9 TO BE APPLIED IN THIS CASE. YOUR JOB IS TO TAKE THE LAW AS
10 I GIVE IT TO YOU AND APPLY IT TO THE FACTS AS YOU FIND
11 THOSE FACTS TO BE FROM THE TESTIMONY OF THE WITNESSES AND
12 OTHER EVIDENCE THAT IS INTRODUCED AT TRIAL. AFTER DOING
13 THAT YOU'LL RENDER YOUR VERDICT, A TRUE AND JUST VERDICT
14 UNDER THE SOLEMN OATH THAT YOU JUST TOOK AS JURORS.

15 NOW UNTIL I ADVISE YOU TO BEGIN YOUR
16 DELIBERATIONS YOU MUST NOT DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH ANYONE
17 INCLUDING YOUR FELLOW JURORS. DO NOT DISCUSS IT WITH ANY
18 FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR ANYONE INVOLVING THE CASE.
19 AFTER THE CASE IS SUBMITTED TO YOU MUST DISCUSS IT ONLY IN
20 THE JURY ROOM WITH YOUR FELLOW JURORS. THE ATTORNEYS AND
21 PARTIES IN THIS CASE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY'RE NOT TO
22 TALK TO YOU AT ALL SO IF YOU SEE ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE
23 CASE AND THEY DO NOT EVEN SAY HELLO OR SPEAK TO YOU THEY'RE
24 NOT BEING RUDE, THEY'RE JUST FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF
25 THE COURT.

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1 DURING THE TRIAL I ASK THAT YOU NOT READ, LISTEN
2 TO, OR WATCH ANY NEWS REPORTS ABOUT THE CASE IF THERE ARE
3 ANY. THIS INCLUDES ANYTHING THAT MAY BE IN THE NEWSPAPER,
4 ON THE INTERNET, THE RADIO, OR TELEVISION. YOU MUST NOT
5 CONSIDER ANYTHING YOU MAY HAVE READ OR HEARD ABOUT THE CASE
6 OUTSIDE OF THE COURTROOM WHETHER IT IS BEFORE OR DURING THE
7 TRIAL OF THIS CASE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP AN OPEN
8 MIND AND NOT DECIDE ANY ISSUE IN THE CASE UNTIL ALL OF THE
9 EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED, THE PARTIES HAVE MADE THEIR
10 CLOSING ARGUMENTS AND I HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU ON THE LAW IN
11 THIS CASE.

12 NOW IT IS YOUR SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE
13 THE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE DEFENDANT AND YOUR VERDICT
14 MUST BE BASED SOLELY ON THE EVIDENCE AS IT IS PRESENTED TO
15 YOU IN THIS TRIAL AND ON THE LAW AS I INSTRUCT YOU DURING
16 AND AT THE CLOSE OF THE TRIAL.

17 IN JUST A MOMENT THE SOLICITOR WILL MAKE WHAT'S
18 CALLED AN OPENING STATEMENT IN WHICH THE SOLICITOR WILL
19 EXPLAIN TO YOU THE ISSUES IN THIS CASE OR AT LEAST WHAT THE
20 SOLICITOR THINKS THE ISSUES IN THIS CASE ARE. THE ATTORNEY
21 FOR THE DEFENDANT MAY MAKE AN OPENING STATEMENT IF HE
22 WISHES TO DO SO ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.

23 NOW WHAT THESE ATTORNEYS TELL YOU DURING THEIR
24 OPENING STATEMENT IS NOT EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE. IT IS ONLY
25 THEIR OPINION AND THEIR CONTENTION AS TO WHAT THE EVIDENCE

1 IN THIS CASE IS AND WHAT THE ISSUES IN THIS CASE ARE.

2 NOW EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE WILL BE PRESENTED TO
3 YOU BY TESTIMONY OF SWORN WITNESSES FROM THE WITNESS STAND
4 AND ANY OTHER EXHIBITS THAT THE PARTIES MAY INTRODUCE IN
5 TRIAL.

6 NOW IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE WHAT
7 TRUE FACTS, WHAT THE TRUE FACTS IN THIS CASE ARE AND IN
8 DETERMINING WHAT THE TRUE FACTS IN THIS CASE ARE YOU MUST
9 DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE TESTIMONY OF THE WITNESSES OR THE
10 EXHIBITS IS BELIEVABLE. IT WILL BE MY RESPONSIBILITY TO
11 RULE AS A MATTER OF LAW AS TO WHETHER CERTAIN TESTIMONY IS
12 ADMISSIBLE AT ALL OR NOT BUT ONCE TESTIMONY IS ADMITTED
13 WHETHER OR NOT YOU BELIEVE IT IS SOLELY FOR YOU TO
14 DETERMINE.

15 IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO BELIEVE A WITNESS
16 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER THE INTEREST OF ANY WITNESS,
17 THE BIAS OF ANY WITNESS, THE PREJUDICE OF ANY WITNESS, THE
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WITNESS TO HAVE SEEN THE MATTERS AND
19 THINGS ABOUT WHICH THE WITNESS MAY TESTIFY AND THE WAY THE
20 WITNESS ACTS ON THE WITNESS STAND.

21 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANYTHING THAT IS
22 IN THE RECORD THAT WILL HELP YOU EVALUATE THE TESTIMONY OF
23 THE WITNESS. THAT MEANS THAT IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PAY CLOSE
24 ATTENTION TO THESE WITNESSES, TO OBSERVE THE WITNESSES, TO
25 LISTEN TO THE WITNESSES, AND TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE

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1 ATTORNEYS AND TO THE COURT. DON'T LET YOUR THOUGHTS WANDER
2 BUT GIVE STRICT ATTENTION TO THE TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE SO
3 AT THE END OF ALL OF THE TESTIMONY AND AFTER THE ARGUMENTS
4 OF COUNSEL AND A CHARGE ON THE LAW BY THE COURT YOU WILL
5 THEN BE IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE WHAT THE TRUE FACTS ARE
6 AND APPLY THE LAW TO THOSE FACTS AND THUS RENDER A TRUE AND
7 JUST VERDICT.

8 IT'S YOUR ADDED DUTY, MR. FOREMAN, TO PRESIDE IN
9 THE JURY ROOM AS THE JURY SPOKESMAN. IF YOU HAVE ANY
10 NEEDS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS
11 IT IS UP TO YOU TO BRING IT TO THE COURT'S ATTENTION.

12 ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE ANY CHALLENGES OR ADDITIONS
13 TO THE OPENING CHARGES BY THE STATE?

14 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ANY BY THE DEFENSE?

16 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE BY THE DEFENSE, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT
18 THIS TIME WE'LL BEGIN THE TRIAL OF THE CASE WITH THE
19 STATE'S OPENING ARGUMENT. MS. BAILEY?

20 **OPENING STATEMENT**

21 **BY MS. BAILEY:**

22 DRUGS ARE DEALT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND DRUGS ARE
23 DEALT TO KNOWN FRIENDS, TO KNOWN ASSOCIATES. FOLKS, MY
24 NAME IS ERIN BAILEY, I'M ASSISTANT SOLICITOR HERE IN
25 GEORGETOWN COUNTY. YA'LL KNOW THAT IN SOUTH CAROLINA WE

1 CAN'T DO THINGS LIKE ANY OTHER STATE SO WHERE OTHER STATE'S
2 CALL THEIR ATTORNEYS STATE'S ATTORNEYS OR DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEYS, HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA WE CALL THEM SOLICITORS.
4 I'M THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY IN THIS CASE.

5 YOU ALSO MAY SEE SITTING AT THE TABLE WITH ME ONE
6 OF MY ASSOCIATES MS. NANCY COTE IS GOING TO BE RUNNING MY
7 TECHNOLOGY DURING SOME OF MY WITNESSES AND MS. MARGE DUKE
8 IS MY LEGAL ASSISTANT.

9 THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A COMPLICATED CASE. IT'S
10 NOT GOING TO BE A LONG CASE. ON JUNE 17TH OF 2009 QUENTIN
11 HOLT SOLD DRUGS TO A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. THREE DAYS
12 LATER ON JUNE 20TH OF 2009 QUENTIN HOLT SOLD DRUGS TO THE
13 SAME CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT.

14 YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DEPUTY GRANT, HE WAS
15 RUNNING THE OPERATION. HERE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY WE DO
16 UNDERCOVER DRUG OPERATIONS TO TRY TO CATCH DRUG DEALERS
17 CAUSE REMEMBER DRUGS ARE DEALT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND
18 THEY'RE DEALT TO KNOWN ASSOCIATES, SO IN ORDER TO CATCH
19 DRUG DEALERS YOU HAVE TO ENLIST THE HELP OF CONFIDENTIAL
20 INFORMANTS. THAT'S WHAT AGENT REGGIE GRANT HAS DONE IN THE
21 PAST.

22 NOW I'M GOING TO WARN YA'LL THE CONFIDENTIAL
23 INFORMANT IS GOING TO WALK INTO THIS COURTROOM NOT THROUGH
24 THAT BACK DOOR WE ALL CAME IN AND OUT. HE'S GOING TO WALK
25 THROUGH THAT DOOR OVER THERE CAUSE THE CONFIDENTIAL

1 INFORMANT IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED. HE'S INCARCERATED ON
2 SOMETHING UNRELATED TO THIS CHARGE. HE HAS A CRIMINAL
3 RECORD. DRUGS ARE DEALT TO KNOWN ASSOCIATES.

4 SO TODAY YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DEPUTY GRANT.
5 YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT AND
6 YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM SOME FOLKS AT SLED, THE STATE LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, BECAUSE AFTER THE DRUGS WERE DEALT
8 THEY WERE TRANSPORTED TO SLED WHERE THEY WERE TESTED CAUSE
9 I NEED TO PROVE TO YA'LL THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY DRUGS, SO
10 YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THE CHEMIST AND SOME FOLKS WHO
11 HANDLED THE DRUGS.

12 AT THE END OF THE DAY WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU
13 FOLKS TO GO BACK INTO YOUR JUROR ROOM, DELIBERATE, AND TO
14 FIND QUENTIN J. HOLT GUILTY OF TWO COUNTS OF DISTRIBUTION
15 OF CRACK COCAINE.

16 THE COURT: MR. MCKNIGHT, DOES THE DEFENSE WISH
17 TO MAKE AN OPENING STATEMENT?

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: IT DOES, YOUR HONOR, MAY IT
19 PLEASE THE COURT?

20 THE COURT: YES, SIR.

21 **OPENING STATEMENT**

22 **BY MR. MCKNIGHT:**

23 MS. BAILEY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY,
24 GOOD MORNING. I'M ATTORNEY CEZAR MCKNIGHT AND I HAVE THE
25 PLEASURE OF REPRESENTING THE INTEREST TODAY OF MR. QUENTIN

1 HOLT THE GENTLEMAN WHO SITS BESIDE ME IN THE BLACK SHIRT.
2 MY PRACTICE IS IN LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA; I'M A SMALL
3 SOLO PRACTITIONER. IT'S JUST ME AND MY PARALEGAL AND I
4 HAVE BEEN AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT MR. HOLT
5 AND I'M GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT.

6 FIRST ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT LET ME THANK YOU FOR
7 THE FACT THAT YOU ALL ARE GOING TO SIT HERE TODAY AND
8 LISTEN TO THE FACTS AND DISPENSE JUSTICE. I REALIZE
9 WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT THERE ARE 12 DIFFERENT PLACES THAT YOU
10 ALL WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT NOW RATHER THAN LISTENING TO ME
11 AND LISTENING TO THE JUDGE AND DOING THIS BUT IN THIS
12 COUNTRY THIS IS HOW WE DO JUSTICE. IN OTHER PLACES IN THE
13 WORLD IT'S NOT LIKE THIS. IT'S LAWLESSNESS; IT'S PEOPLE
14 SHOT IN THE STREET; IT'S HANDS CUT OFF, BUT HERE IN AMERICA
15 WE HAVE DECIDED THAT 12 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WILL LISTEN
16 TO THE FACTS AS THEY'RE PRESENTED AND THEY WILL BRING
17 TOGETHER THEIR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCES AND COMMON SENSES AND
18 DETERMINE WHAT THE TRUTH IS AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT IS
19 YOU SAY TODAY ONCE YOU'VE DONE THAT THAT'S JUSTICE AND
20 NOBODY CAN BE DISSATISFIED.

21 NOW I DON'T MAKE LIGHT OF YOUR SERVICE BECAUSE
22 WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID HIMSELF THAT NEXT TO A SERVICE TO A
23 PERSONS COUNTRY IN THE TIME OF WAR JURY DUTY IS THE
24 GREATEST CALL.

25 NOW WHEN WE GO ON IN THIS TRIAL YOU'RE GOING TO

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1 HAVE PEOPLE COME AND SIT ON THAT BOX AND THEY'RE GOING TO
2 TELL YOU VARIOUS THINGS AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASKED TO
3 DECIDE AT THE END WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE GOING TO RULE A
4 VERDICT OF GUILT OR INNOCENCE. WELL HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

5 HIS HONOR IS GOING TO TELL YOU THAT THE BURDEN IN
6 THIS CASE IS BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. WELL WHAT'S THAT?
7 THE JUDGE IS GOING TO FURTHER EXPLANATION AND TELL YOU WELL
8 IT'S THE AMOUNT OF DOUBT THAT CAUSES A REASONABLE PERSON TO
9 HESITATE TO ACT. WELL WHAT'S THAT?

10 THE ANALOGY THAT I BEST USE FOR THAT IS WE'RE
11 GETTING DRESSED FOR WORK OR CHURCH AND WE'RE IRON THIS DAY
12 AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE SORT OF BEHIND, YOU LOOK YOU THINK THE
13 PASTOR IS GOING TO START OR I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR WORK
14 AND YOU KNOW THAT HESITATION YOU HAVE AS YOU'RE WALKING OUT
15 THE DOOR AS TO WHETHER OR NOT I LEFT THE IRON PLUGGED UP OR
16 NOT. THAT'S THE KIND OF DOUBT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

17 NOW THE JUDGE TOLD YOU CORRECTLY THIS ISN'T PERRY
18 MASON. THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE SOMEONE THAT WALKS IN THE
19 DOOR AND JUST SCREAMS I DID IT AND WALK OUT OF HERE IN AN
20 HOUR WITH COMMERCIALS. IT DOES NOT HAPPEN THAT WAY, BUT
21 JUST AS YOUR ATTENTION IS GRABBED BY THE EXCITEMENT THE
22 IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER MUST GRAB YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE
23 THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

24 NOW DESPITE WHAT YOUR PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS ARE
25 YOU'VE SWORN TO TAKE AN OATH. HIS HONOR IS GOING TO TELL

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1 YOU THAT MR. HOLT SITS THERE IN THAT CHAIR AND AS IT SITS
2 RIGHT NOW HE'S AS INNOCENT AS ANY OF YOU 12 AND HE'S GOING
3 TO REMAIN INNOCENT AS ANY OF YOU 12 UNTIL BECAUSE HIS
4 INNOCENCE GRABS ABOUT HIM LIKE A CLOAK AND IT DOESN'T COME
5 OFF UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO STRIP HIM.

6 NOW YOU ALL HAVE VARIOUS CAREERS AND VARIOUS LIFE
7 EXPERIENCES AND YOU HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE TIME COMMON
8 SENSE. SOME OF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, SOME OF YOU DO NOT, BUT
9 ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN AROUND CHILDREN SO WHEN YOU HEAR THE
10 TESTIMONY COMING FROM THAT PERSON COMPARE IT TO THE
11 INSTANCE WHERE YOU THINK A CHILD'S DONE SOMETHING, YOU
12 DIDN'T SEE THEM DO IT BUT THE CRUMBS ARE ABOUT HIM. THAT
13 COMMON SENSE VOICE THAT SPEAKS TO YOU AND SAYS, YEAH, HE OR
14 SHE DID THIS, THAT'S THE COMMON SENSE THAT'S REQUIRED
15 TODAY.

16 NOW JUST LIKE YOU ALL HAVE DIFFERENT CAREERS IN
17 THIS COUNTRY THE GREAT EQUALIZER OF ALL PERSONS WHETHER
18 THEY BE PAUPERS OR PRINCES IS THIS JURY BOX. NO ONE'S
19 OPINION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHER, SO IF THERE'S
20 SOMEBODY THAT YOU BELIEVE HAS GOT THIS BIG JOB OR HAS THESE
21 MORE CREDENTIALS THAN YOU AND YOUR OPINION IS DIFFERENT
22 THAN THAT PERSON HOLD ON TO IT. IT'S YOURS AND YOUR
23 OPINION AND YOUR OPINION ALONE IS WHAT COUNTS AND IF YOU
24 BELIEVE SOMETHING HOLD ONTO IT.

25 NOW YOU ALL MADE A PROMISE WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR

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1 OATH, YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD LISTEN AND RENDER A TRUE
2 VERDICT. THAT PROMISE MEANS YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE
3 EVIDENCE, YOU'RE GOING TO TURN EACH PIECE, TURN IT INSIDE
4 OUT, WEIGH IT. WE OFTEN THINK OF JUSTICE AS SCALES, WELL
5 IN THIS BURDEN THAT WE HAVE THE SCALES ARE GOING TO TIP.
6 THEY'VE GOT TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE SIDE, ALL THE WAY,
7 PARDON ME, TO THE SIDE OF THIS, ALL THE WAY TO THAT SIDE.

8 MY CLIENT DOESN'T HAVE TO SAY A THING. HE'S NOT
9 HIDING BEHIND ANYTHING, HOWEVER THE LAW SAYS THAT THE
10 BURDEN OF PROOF IS SOLELY UPON THEM. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO
11 SAY A THING. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO PROVE A THING. THEY HAVE
12 TO DO IT AND IF THEY DON'T DO IT YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
13 ARE REQUIRED TO DO ONE THING, SPEAK THE VERDICT, LATIN WORD
14 FOR TRUTH, AND SPEAK NOT GUILTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
15 GOOD TALKING WITH YOU.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY, YOU CAN CALL
17 YOUR FIRST WITNESS.

18 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE
19 CALLS DEPUTY REGINALD GRANT.

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

21 DEPUTY REGINALD GRANT

22 BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

23 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR
24 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

25 THE WITNESS: REGINALD GRANT.

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BY MS. BAILEY:

Q COULD YOU, PLEASE, TELL THE JURY WHAT YOUR
CURRENT TITLE IS?

A MY CURRENT TITLE NOW IS DEPUTY SHERIFF OF
THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Q AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT THE SHERIFF'S
OFFICE?

A I'VE BEEN AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE NOW FOR
FOUR YEARS, GOING ON FOUR YEARS.

Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

A I'VE BEEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT RIGHT AT FOUR
YEARS, BEFORE THEN I STARTED OUT HELPING OUT AT THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE EVER SINCE I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL SO IF I
HAD TO DO MY YEARS APPROXIMATELY ABOUT SIX YEARS.

Q AND COULD YOU TELL THE JURY IN WHAT ASPECT
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT YOU'VE WORKED?

A I'VE WORKED IN PATROL; I'VE WORKED IN
WARRANTS DIVISION, BACK IN PATROL, WENT TO THE DRUG TEAM,
WHICH IS NOW THE DEU FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT. AFTER THE DEU GOT
OUT OF IT AND NOW I'M WITH THE ICE TEAM. WHAT THAT IS AN
INTENSIFIED CRIME ENFORCEMENT, BASICALLY IT'S A DRUG
INTERDICTION, NOTHING BUT A TRAFFIC TEAM YOU GO AND BACK
TRAFFIC STOPS AND TRY TO FIND DRUGS.

Q AND A SECOND AGO YOU TALKED ABOUT THE DEU,

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1 WHAT DOES THAT STAND FOR?

2 A IT'S A DRUG ENFORCEMENT TEAM, CONSISTS OF
3 HORRY COUNTY AND GEORGETOWN COUNTY. IT'S RUN BY THE
4 SOLICITOR'S OFFICE. WE GO UP IN HORRY COUNTY OR WE MAY
5 COME TO GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND BOUGHT DRUGS. AT THAT TIME
6 ON THIS PARTICULAR DATE IT WAS THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU
7 WHICH WAS THE OCB, WE WASN'T A DEU UNIT THEN. IT GOT
8 ADOPTED TO THE DEU BACK IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

9 Q IN YOUR CAPACITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WHAT
10 KIND OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD?

11 A I'VE HAD UNITS OF TRAINING AT SOUTH
12 CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY FOR DRUGS. I ALSO WENT
13 TO WASHINGTON D.C. WITH THE DEA CLASS UP THERE. I ALSO
14 TOOK SOME CLASSES AT MT. PLEASANT AT THE AIR FORCE
15 DEPARTMENT IN REFERENCE TO A LOT OF DRUGS CLASSES THERE.

16 Q AND HOW LONG WERE YOU WERE AT THE CRIMINAL
17 JUSTICE ACADEMY?

18 A NINE YEARS.

19 Q OKAY, AND WITH SOME OF THOSE OTHER CLASSES
20 HOW MUCH TRAINING DID YOU HAVE TIME WISE?

21 A TIME WISE I WOULD SAY ANYWHERE BETWEEN TWO
22 TO FOUR MONTHS.

23 Q COULD YOU TELL THE JURY BACK WHEN YOU WERE
24 WITH THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU WHICH IS NOW THE DRUG
25 ENFORCEMENT BUREAU COULD YOU TELL THE WHAT TYPE OF

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1 OPERATIONS YA'LL DID?

2 A WE SET UP SURVEILLANCE, NOT ONLY
3 SURVEILLANCE WE DID UNDERCOVER BUYS. IF I CAN I
4 PARTICIPATE BUT I COULDN'T DO IT IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY CAUSE
5 I JUST ABOUT KNOW EVERYONE BUT WE WOULD USE INFORMANTS TO
6 GO AND BUY FOR US. WE WOULD SET THE INFORMANT UP WITH A
7 WIRE, SOMETIMES VIDEO TRANSACTIONS LIKE THAT AND JUST SEND
8 THEM OUT AND BUY DRUGS FOR US, SUSPECTED DRUGS FOR US.

9 Q OKAY, AND NOW WHEN YOU SAY YOU USE
10 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS HOW DO YA'LL COME TO KNOW ABOUT
11 THOSE PEOPLE?

12 A WELL WHEN I, WHEN I CAME INTO THE DRUG UNIT
13 I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW ANYONE THAT, IT WAS NEW TO ME SO I WAS
14 INTRODUCED TO MY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHICH HE WANTED TO
15 GET PAID FOR IT. USUALLY THEY CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
16 AND SAID, HEY, I WANT TO GO BUY SOME DRUGS SO I CAN MAKE
17 SOME MONEY FOR IT SO I CAN MAKE SOME MONEY TO HELP MY
18 FAMILY SO THEY'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO AND WE GAVE THEM \$50
19 OR \$100 OR SOMETIMES THEY WORK OFF THE CHARGES, WHETHER
20 THERE'S DRUG CHARGES OR SHOPLIFTING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

21 Q AND IS THIS, WOULD YOU SAY IT'S FAIR TO SAY
22 THAT MOST CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS HAVE CRIMINAL RECORDS?

23 A CORRECT.

24 Q SINCE THEY HAVE CRIMINAL RECORDS DO YOU PUT
25 PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO SO THAT YA'LL KNOW THAT THEY'RE

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1 RELIABLE AND THEY'RE DOING WHAT THEY SAY THEY'RE GOING TO
2 DO?

3 A YES, MA'AM, IF AN INFORMANT IS WORKING OFF
4 CHARGES USUALLY WHAT WE DO, WE KIND OF PUT AUDIO AND VIDEO
5 AND DISGUISE AND KEEP CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE OF THEM WHILE
6 THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE BUY. BEFORE THEY DO THE BUY WE
7 SEARCH THEM, MAKE SURE THEY DON'T HAVE NOTHING ON THEM AT
8 ALL TIMES. WE DON'T ALLOW THEM TO HAVE EXTRA MONEY OR
9 ANYTHING LIKE THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE IN THE PAST WHERE SOME
10 INFORMANTS WILL GO AND BUY DRUGS AND PINCH THE DRUGS OFF
11 AND GIVE US WHAT THEY WANT TO GIVE US SO USUALLY WE SEARCH
12 THEM PRETTY GOOD AND ---

13 Q AND YOU HAVE PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO KEEP
14 THAT FROM HAPPENING?

15 A YES, MA'AM.

16 Q OKAY, AND YOU SAID YOU SEARCH THEM BEFORE
17 THEY GO?

18 A WE SEARCH THEM BEFORE THEY GO BACK THE BUY
19 AND AFTER WHEN THEY COME BACK FROM THE BUY.

20 Q NOW ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH A CONFIDENTIAL
21 INFORMANT NAMED JOE NATHAN LEWIS?

22 A CORRECT.

23 Q AND HOW DO YOU KNOW JOE NATHAN LEWIS?

24 A I MET JOE NATHAN LEWIS THROUGH, WHICH AT
25 THE TIME I WAS TALKING TO GENO, LIKE I SAID I HAD JUST

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1 GOTTEN INTO THE DRUG TEAM, SGT. GENO INTRODUCED ME TO MR.
2 LEWIS BECAUSE HE WAS LEAVING OUT GOING BACK TO PATROL. AT
3 THAT TIME I MET MR. LEWIS INTRODUCED HIMSELF, I INTRODUCED
4 MYSELF, AND HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TO BUY DRUGS FOR ME SO
5 THAT'S HOW I MET MR. LEWIS THROUGH SGT. GENO.

6 Q AND APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY DRUG BUYS DID
7 MR. LEWIS PERFORM FOR YOUR OPERATION?

8 A ANYWHERE BETWEEN 25 TO 30.

9 Q SO IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT YOU WORKED WITH
10 MR. LEWIS A GOOD BIT?

11 A YES, MA'AM.

12 Q AND DID YOU ALWAYS FIND MR. LEWIS TO BE
13 RELIABLE?

14 A YES, MA'AM.

15 Q DID HE ALWAYS DO WHAT HE SAID HE WAS GOING
16 TO DO, COME BACK WITH WHAT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO GET?

17 A YES, MA'AM.

18 Q DID YOU EVER HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
19 IRREGULARITIES?

20 A NO, MA'AM.

21 Q WITH MR. LEWIS?

22 A NO, MA'AM.

23 Q LET'S TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT JUNE 17TH OF
24 2009, COULD YOU TELL THE JURY WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?

25 A YES, MA'AM, USUALLY ON OUR NEXT DAY WE GET

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1 IN CONTACT WITH THE INFORMANT OR THE INFORMANT TO CONTACT
2 US THE DAY BEFORE. ON THE 16TH OF JUNE 2009 MR. LEWIS
3 CONTACTED ME AND SAID, HEY, MAN, HE SAID, YOU WANT TO DO
4 SOMETHING TOMORROW ---

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, THAT'S
6 HEARSAY.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SUSTAINED.

8 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

9 Q IF YOU COULD JUST, JUST DON'T SAY WHAT MR.
10 LEWIS SAID, JUST DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED?

11 A OKAY, USUALLY THE INFORMANT CONTACT US AND
12 TELL US WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. AT THAT TIME HE PRESENT US
13 WITH A NAME, WE LOOK THAT PERSON'S NAME UP THEN WE SET UP
14 THE BUY. ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY ON THE 17TH OF JUNE
15 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZED CRIME UNIT, MYSELF AND AGENT WARD
16 MET WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, REFERRED TO AS 178 AT
17 THAT TIME. WE REALIZE THAT THAT'S MR. JOE NATHAN LEWIS
18 THAT WOULD BE COMING THROUGH THAT DOOR. WE MET HIM AT A
19 PREDETERMINED LOCATION AT APPROXIMATELY 1:45. AT THAT TIME
20 HE WAS BRIEFED AND SEARCHED ON HIS PERSON. MR. LEWIS WAS
21 THEN GIVEN MONEY OF \$20, TWO \$20 BILLS AND ONE \$10 BILL.
22 AT THAT TIME I ALSO PLACED A WIRE TO TRANSMIT ON MR. LEWIS.
23 MR. LEWIS DID DEPART FROM THE MEETING LOCATION AT
24 APPROXIMATELY 1:53, TRAVELING TO [REDACTED]
25 WHICH IS THE RESIDENT OF MR. QUENTIN HOLT SEATED TO MY

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1 RIGHT HERE, IN THE ANDREWS SECTION OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY.

2 MR. LEWIS THEN ARRIVED AT THE BUY LOCATION AT
3 APPROXIMATELY 2:03 WHERE HE MET MR. HOLT THERE AND WAS
4 SITTING AT HIS KITCHEN TABLE. MR. LEWIS THEN STATED THAT
5 MR. HOLT GOT UP AND WALKED TO THE REAR OF THE RESIDENCE AND
6 CAME BACK AND MADE THE TRANSACTION FOR SUSPECTED COCAINE
7 FOR A SUM OF U.S. CURRENCY PROVIDED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

8 AT THAT TIME MR. LEWIS LEFT THE BUY LOCATION AT
9 2:08, MET BACK WITH MYSELF AND AGENT SAWYER, MET BACK WITH
10 ME AT APPROXIMATELY 2:19, HANDED THE SUSPECTED CRACK
11 COCAINE TO ME. I PLACED IT IN A SMALL ENVELOPE AND PLACED
12 TO MY BACK PACK.

13 AT THAT TIME MR. LEWIS WAS SEARCHED AND DEBRIEFED
14 AND HE ALSO WROTE A STATEMENT WHERE HE SIGNED AND STATED
15 THAT HE WALKED INTO MR. HOLT'S RESIDENCE AND PURCHASED A
16 THE CRACK, THE SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE.

17 Q ALL RIGHT, SO MR. LEWIS MET UP WITH YA'LL
18 AT A PREDETERMINED LOCATION, YA'LL SEARCHED HIM?

19 A YES, MA'AM.

20 Q AND DID YOU FIND ANYTHING WHEN YOU SEARCHED
21 HIM?

22 A NO, MA'AM.

23 Q OKAY, AND YOU SENT HIM OFF TO, YOU SAID HE
24 WAS GOING TO GO PURCHASE CRACK COCAINE FROM QUENTIN HOLT?

25 A YES, MA'AM.

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, SHE'S
2 LEADING THE WITNESS.

3 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, HE'S ALREADY TESTIFIED
4 TO THIS, I'M JUST --

5 THE COURT: AND THAT'S SUSTAINED, GO AHEAD.

6 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

7 Q AND WHEN HE, WHEN HE CAME BACK DID HE COME,
8 WHAT DID HE COME BACK WITH?

9 A HE CAME BACK WITH APPROXIMATELY 0.7 GRAMS
10 OF SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE. USUALLY WHEN THEY GO OUT TO
11 BUY A GRAM OF CRACK COCAINE IT'S USUALLY BETWEEN ANYWHERE
12 BETWEEN .4 AND, .4 AND .5 FOR \$50. WE WEIGHED IT AT THE
13 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IT WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 0.7 GRAMS. IT
14 WAS THEN PLACED INTO A BEST BAG AND PUT INTO OUR DRUG DROP
15 BOX AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHERE IT WAS SENT TO SLED FOR
16 TESTING.

17 Q AND WHEN YOU SEARCHED HIM WHEN HE CAME BACK
18 HOW DID THAT SEARCH GO?

19 A WE DIDN'T FIND NO CONTRABAND ON MR. LEWIS
20 AT THAT TIME.

21 Q OKAY, AND YOU MENTIONED THAT MR. LEWIS WAS
22 PAID FOR THAT?

23 A YES, MA'AM.

24 Q HOW MUCH WAS HE PAID?

25 A HE WAS PAID \$50. USUALLY IF WE SET THEM UP

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1 TO BUY A GRAM WHICH IS \$50 WE USUALLY PAY THEM \$50.

2 Q OKAY, DID YOU CONDUCT ---

3 A ACTUALLY HE WAS PAID \$54 TO GET OUR BOOKS
4 STRAIGHT.

5 Q OKAY, AND DID YOU CONDUCT ANY VISUAL
6 SURVEILLANCE WHILE THIS WAS GOING ON?

7 A YES, MA'AM, I KEPT CONSTANT VISUAL CONTACT
8 ON MR. LEWIS. HE WALKED DOWN HOLLYWOOD AVENUE. ONCE HE
9 GOT TO A CURVE I LOST SIGHT OF MR. LEWIS, THAT'S WHEN HE
10 WENT INTO THE HOLT, THAT'S WHEN HE WENT INTO MR. HOLT'S
11 RESIDENCE BUT ONCE HE WALKED DOWN HOLLYWOOD AVENUE I COULD
12 HAVE SEEN BUT ONCE HE MADE THAT RIGHT I LOST CONTACT WITH
13 HIM.

14 Q SO YOU DID GET TO WATCH HIM WALK ---

15 A CORRECT.

16 Q --- TOWARDS MR. HOLT'S RESIDENCE AND BACK
17 FROM MR. HOLT'S RESIDENCE?

18 A CORRECT.

19 Q AND YOU MENTIONED THAT, DID YOU GET, SO
20 HOW, YOU GOT .7 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE?

21 A YES, MA'AM.

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, AGAIN
23 SHE'S LEADING THE WITNESS.

24 MS. BAILEY: I'M JUST TRANSITION, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I THINK HE'S ALREADY

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1 TESTIFIED TO THAT, I'M GOING TO ALLOW IT, GO AHEAD.

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: ALL RIGHT.

3 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

4 Q OKAY, AND ONCE YOU ACQUIRED THAT WAS IT
5 HANDED DIRECTLY TO YOU?

6 A YES, MA'AM, IT WAS HANDED DIRECTLY TO ME, I
7 PUT IT IN THE LITTLE BAGGY AND I PLACED IT INTO MY BOOK BAG
8 WHERE I KEPT IT WITH ME UNTIL I WENT BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S
9 OFFICE.

10 MS. BAILEY: OKAY, WOULD YOU MARK THAT AS
11 STATE'S EXHIBIT 1 FOR I.D. ONLY?

12 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 1 MARKED FOR
13 IDENTIFICATION.)

14 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

15 Q AND HOW DID YOU HANDLE IT, THE ENTIRE TIME
16 THAT YOU POSSESSED THE DRUGS IN WHAT WAY, WHAT MANNER DID
17 YOU HANDLE THE DRUGS?

18 A ALL I DID TO IT WAS ONCE MR. LEWIS HANDED
19 IT TO ME I PLACED IT IN A LITTLE BAGGY, KEPT IT, LIKE I
20 SAID I KEPT IT IN MY BOOK BAG SO NO ONE COULD MESS WITH IT.
21 I WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT HAD ACCESS TO THAT BAG AT THE TIME,
22 WENT BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LAID IT ON MY DESK,
23 WEIGHED IT ON A SCALE. LIKE I SAID IT WEIGHED
24 APPROXIMATELY 0.7 GRAMS. AFTER THAT I FILLED OUT MY BEST
25 PACKET WHICH IS A SLED PACKET, PLACED IT IN THERE, SEALED

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1 IT, SIGNED IT, AND SENT IT TO THE DRUG DROP BOX WHERE
2 THAT'S THE LAST TIME I SAW IT.

3 Q AND COULD YOU TELL THE JURY ABOUT THE SLED
4 BEST BAG, WHAT, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

5 A IT'S, A BEST KIT IS A, IS A CHAIN OF
6 CUSTODY, I WAS THE ONLY ONE IN THAT CHAIN THAT HANDLED THAT
7 DRUG OTHER THAN ME AND MR. LEWIS. I HAVE TO SIGN
8 STATEMENTS ON IT SAYING THAT I RECEIVED THIS DRUG FROM MR.
9 LEWIS THAT HE GOT FROM MR. HOLT AND PLACE IT INTO THAT BAG,
10 SEALED IT, SIGNED IT, AND DROPPED IT AND WE HAVE A LITTLE
11 TECH THAT SENDS IT UP TO SLED TO GET IT TESTED.

12 Q SO WHEN YOU SAY YOU PUT IT INTO A DRUG DROP
13 BOX, WHAT DOES THAT BOX LOOK LIKE?

14 A IT'S LIKE A MAILBOX THAT'S BEEN SEALED,
15 LIKE A MAILBOX YOU GO TO THE POST OFFICE AND PUT YOUR MAIL
16 IN. NO ONE HAS ACCESS TO IT EXCEPT APPROXIMATELY TWO OR
17 THREE PEOPLE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

18 Q OKAY, AND DID YOU ALTER OR CHANGE THE DRUGS
19 IN ANY WAY WHILE YOU HAD THEM?

20 A NO, MA'AM.

21 Q OKAY, I'M HANDING YOU WHAT'S BEEN MARKED
22 FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY AS STATE'S EXHIBIT 1, IF YOU COULD
23 JUST TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THAT?

24 A YES, MA'AM.

25 Q AND DO YOU RECOGNIZE WHAT THAT IS?

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1 A YES, MA'AM.

2 Q COULD YOU TELL THE COURT AND JURY WHAT THAT
3 IS?

4 A AS OF RIGHT NOW MY EXPERIENCE LOOKS LIKE
5 SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE, IT'S ALL WHITE, ACCURATELY IT'S A
6 POWDER SUBSTANCE ---

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, THAT'S SPECULATIVE,
8 YOUR HONOR. HE IS NOT AN EXPERT IN CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

9 THE COURT: I'LL SUSTAIN THE OBJECTION.

10 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

11 Q IS THAT THE MATERIAL THAT YOU, IS THAT
12 CONSISTENT WITH THE MATERIAL THAT YOU SEIZED ON JUNE 17TH?

13 A NOT ON THAT DEAL, IT WAS ACTUALLY HARD ON
14 THAT DAY ---

15 Q SO IT LOOKED A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT ON THAT
16 DAY?

17 A CORRECT, CORRECT.

18 Q ALL RIGHT, COULD YOU FLIP IT OVER AND LOOK
19 AT THE BEST BAG AND COULD YOU TELL US FROM THAT BEST BAG
20 WHERE THAT PACKAGE CAME FROM?

21 A CAME FROM THE SLED DRUG ANALYSIS SECURITY
22 ENVELOPE AND IT WAS SIGNED BY ME ON THE 17TH OF JUNE 2009.

23 Q OKAY, SO JUNE 17TH YOU, THAT IS THE EXACT
24 BEST BAG?

25 A CORRECT.

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1 Q THAT YOU PUT THE DRUGS INTO?

2 A CORRECT.

3 Q OKAY ---

4 A THE ONLY CHANGE TO IT THAT I DID NOT WRITE
5 THESE MARKINGS ON THE BAG, THAT WAS DONE BY, I GUESS BY
6 SLED.

7 Q ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU --

8 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 2 MARKED FOR
9 IDENTIFICATION.)

10 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

11 Q ALL RIGHT, NOW LET'S MOVE TO ANOTHER DAY
12 THREE DAYS LATER JUNE 20TH OF 2009. COULD YOU TELL US WHAT
13 HAPPENED ON THAT DATE?

14 A YES, MA'AM, ON JUNE 20TH, 2009, MEMBERS OF
15 THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU, AGENT GRANT, MYSELF, AND WARD,
16 AGENT WARD, MET WITH MR. LEWIS HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS CI
17 178. WE MET HIM AT A PREDETERMINED LOCATION AT
18 APPROXIMATELY 3:15 IN THE THAT EVENING. MR. LEWIS WAS
19 SEARCHED AND GIVEN MONEY OF TWO \$20 BILLS AND ANOTHER \$10
20 BILL. HE ALSO WAS GIVEN A TRANSMITTER, ALL TAKING PLACE AT
21 3:18. I WAS THE ONE THAT SEARCHED MR. LEWIS THAT DAY,
22 STILL FINDING NO CONTRABAND ON HIS PERSON AT THAT TIME.
23 MR. LEWIS THEN DEPARTED FROM THE MEETING LOCATION AT
24 APPROXIMATELY 3:22 HOURS, TRAVELING ON FOOT TO [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] IN THE ANDREWS SECTION OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY WHERE

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1 HE MET MR. HOLT THERE TO PURCHASE A SUSPECTED QUANTITY OF
2 CRACK COCAINE.

3 ONCE HE ARRIVED HE ARRIVED AT 3:30 WHERE HE MET
4 MR. HOLT THERE. THE "CI" STATED THAT MR. HOLT OPENED THE
5 DOOR AND HE WENT INTO THE KITCHEN TABLE AND SAT DOWN WHERE
6 HE MADE A TRANSACTION FOR THE SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE FOR A
7 SUM OF U.S. CURRENCY PROVIDED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

8 AT THAT TIME MR. LEWIS CAME BACK, MET WITH MYSELF
9 AND AGENT WARD. I SEARCHED MR. LEWIS AGAIN, DEBRIEFED HIM
10 AND SECURED THE WIRE AND THE DRUGS FINDING NO CONTRABAND ON
11 HIS PERSON OTHER THAN THE ONE THAT HE BROUGHT BACK THAT HE
12 STATED THAT HE GOT FROM MR. HOLT.

13 AT THAT TIME THE SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE WEIGHED
14 APPROXIMATELY 0.8 GRAMS. IT ALSO WAS PLACED INTO A BEST
15 BAG AND DROPPED INTO THE DRUG DROP BOX WHEN I WENT BACK TO
16 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

17 AN AUDIO, THE AUDIO OF THAT TRANSACTION WAS ALSO
18 PLACED IN THE EVIDENCE AND THAT INCIDENT OCCURRED WITHIN A
19 HALF MILE OF ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

20 Q OKAY, AND DID YOU MAINTAIN VISUAL
21 SURVEILLANCE DURING THAT INCIDENT?

22 A YES, MA'AM. WE SET UP AT THE SAME LOCATION
23 AND WATCHED HIM WALK DOWN HOLLYWOOD AVENUE AND I LOST
24 VISUAL CONTACT WITH HIM ONCE HE MADE THE RIGHT.

25 Q OKAY, AND BEFORE MR. LEWIS WENT OFF TO BUY

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1 DRUGS DID HE HAVE ANY, WHEN YOU SEARCHED HIM DID YOU FIND
2 ANY ---

3 A NO, MA'AM, HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ON HIM
4 AT THAT TIME.

5 Q AND THEN WHEN HE CAME BACK WHAT DID HE HAVE
6 ON HIM?

7 A HE JUST HAD THE SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE
8 THAT HE STATED HE RETRIEVED FROM MR. HOLT.

9 Q AND YOU WATCHED HIM AGAIN ON THE 20TH? YOU
10 WATCHED HIM ---

11 A YES, MA'AM, I WATCHED HIM WALK DOWN
12 HOLLYWOOD AVENUE.

13 Q TOWARDS MR. HOLT'S RESIDENCE?

14 A CORRECT.

15 Q OKAY, AND DID YOU WATCH HIM COME BACK FROM
16 THAT SAME WAY?

17 A YES, MA'AM.

18 Q OKAY, AND WHAT DID YOU DO WITH, DID MR.
19 LEWIS GIVE YOU THE DRUGS?

20 A YES, MA'AM, HE GAVE ME THE DRUGS LIKE I
21 SAID I PLACED THEM INTO MY LITTLE BAGGY THAT I KEEP WITH
22 ME, PLACED THEM INTO MY BOOK BAG, WENT BACK TO THE
23 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHICH I HAD WEIGHED IT INSIDE THE TRUCK
24 THAT DAY. LIKE I SAID IT WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 0.8 GRAMS
25 AT THE TIME, PLACED IT IN THE BACK OF MY, PLACED IT INTO MY

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1 BOOK BAG AND THAT WAS IT.

2 Q OKAY, AND IN WHAT MANNER DID YOU HANDLE
3 THESE DRUGS?

4 A I HANDLED IT THE SAME WAY I DID ON THE
5 17TH. IT STAYED WITH ME UNTIL I GOT BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S
6 OFFICE, ENTERED IT INTO A BEST BAG AND DROPPED IT INTO THE
7 DRUG DROP BOX, WHICH IS A SEALED MAILBOX.

8 Q FOR THE RECORD I'M SHOWING YOU STATE'S
9 EXHIBIT FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY STATE'S EXHIBIT 2,
10 IF YOU COULD JUST TAKE A MINUTE TO LOOK AT THAT? WHAT CAN
11 YOU TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT?

12 A IT'S JUST A CLEAR BAGGY WHICH I HAD IN MY
13 POSSESSION AT THE TIME THAT I PLACED THE SUSPECTED DRUGS
14 IN. LIKE I SAID, WHEN I GOT IT ON THE 17TH IT WAS A HARD
15 SUBSTANCE THEN NOW IT'S CRUMPLED UP.

16 Q HOW ABOUT THE BEST BAG ON THE FRONT, CAN
17 YOU TELL US ANYTHING FROM THE BEST BAG?

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, LEADING.

19 THE COURT: OVERRULED, I'LL ALLOW THAT.

20 THE WITNESS: (CONTINUING)

21 A LIKE I SAID, SLED DRUG ANALYSIS, WHICH IS
22 THEIR SECURITY ENVELOPE, ON IT IS OUR AGENCY NUMBER 22, I
23 SIGNED IT, I PRINT MY NAME AND SIGN MY NAME ON THE 20TH AND
24 PLACE IT INTO THE DRUG DROP BOX; AND THE ONLY CHANGES DONE
25 TO IT LIKE I SAID ON THE LAST ONE IS THAT I DID NOT PUT

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1 THESE MARKINGS ON MY LITTLE, ON THIS LITTLE BAGGY. IT WAS
2 DONE BY SLED.

3 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, THAT'S SPECULATIVE,
4 YOUR HONOR. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO MADE THE MARKINGS ON THE
5 BAG.

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SUSTAINED.

7 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE WILL CONCEDE
8 THAT. BEG THE COURT'S INDULGENCE.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

10 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

11 Q YOU MENTIONED THAT THESE BUYS HAPPENED ON
12 WHAT ROAD?

13 A IT HAPPENED ON [REDACTED]

14 Q OKAY, AND DO YOU KNOW WHICH COUNTY IT WAS
15 LOCATED IN?

16 A IT HAPPENED IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY, THE
17 OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD IS WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY.

18 Q OKAY, BUT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD THAT THESE
19 HAPPENED IN WAS GEORGETOWN?

20 A IT WAS GEORGETOWN, CORRECT.

21 MS. BAILEY: I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR
22 THIS WITNESS, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. MAY I
25 PROCEED, YOUR HONOR?

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1 THE COURT: YES, SIR.

2 CROSS EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

4 Q MR. GRANT, WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?

5 A ORIGINALLY I'M FROM DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON.

6 Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN GEORGETOWN
7 COUNTY?

8 A LIVED IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY ABOUT TWO YEARS
9 NOW PROBABLY.

10 Q YOU TESTIFIED THAT YOU WORKED AT THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL?

12 A I VOLUNTEERED AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHEN
13 I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

14 Q WHAT YEAR DID YOU COME OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL?

15 A I CAME OUT IN '03.

16 Q AND YOU MOVED TO GEORGETOWN COUNTY WHAT
17 YEAR?

18 A IT WAS, I WENT TO GEORGETOWN, I WAS BACK
19 AND FORTH BETWEEN CHARLESTON AND GEORGETOWN COUNTY.

20 Q WHAT YEAR DID YOU MOVE?

21 A I CAN'T REMEMBER.

22 Q WHEN DID YOU START LIVING HERE?

23 A I CAN'T REMEMBER.

24 Q YOU'RE A DEPUTY NOW, RIGHT?

25 A YES, SIR.

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1 Q AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT YOU HAD A
2 DIFFERENT TITLE, DIDN'T YOU?

3 A YES, AT THE TIME OF THAT INCIDENT I WAS AN
4 AGENT WITH THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU.

5 Q WHAT HAPPENED, WHY ARE YOU NO LONGER AN
6 AGENT?

7 A WHY I AM NO LONGER AN AGENT? MY MOM TOOK
8 SICK. MY MOM GOT A HEART ATTACK, SHE WENT BACK, SHE WENT
9 TO CHARLESTON TO HAVE A SURGERY THERE. I CAME OFF THE DRUG
10 TEAM BECAUSE I COULDN'T WORK THE HOURS SO THEY ASKED ME IF
11 I WANTED TO GO BACK ON PATROL AND I STATED, DIDN'T REALLY
12 WANT TO DO THAT SO THE CAPTAIN CAME TO ME AND ASKED ME
13 WOULD I GO TO THE DRUG INTERVENTION TEAM. I WAS LIKE CAN
14 YOU DO THAT, SO THAT'S WHY I CAME OFF THE DRUG TEAM.

15 Q WHAT HOURS DO YOU WORK NOW?

16 A MY HOURS I WORK NOW IS FROM THREE TO THREE,
17 3 P.M. TO 3 A.M.

18 Q SO HOW IS IT THEN THAT THAT'S MORE
19 CONVENIENT FOR YOU NOW WORKING FROM 3 P.M. TO 3 A.M. AS
20 OPPOSED TO WHEN YOU WERE WORKING THAT 3 P.M. DURING THE DAY
21 DURING THE MORNING HOURS?

22 A WELL A LOT OF MY MOM'S APPOINTMENT WAS IN
23 THE MORNING TIME. SHE HAD NO ONE TO TAKE HER TO THE DOCTOR
24 APPOINTMENT SO THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO GO WITH THAT. IT
25 WAS NEW, IT WAS A NEW DIVISION THAT WE WERE DOING AND I WAS

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1 INTERESTED IN THAT.

2 Q SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. IT'S YOUR
3 TESTIMONY HERE UNDER OATH THAT IT'S MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU
4 TO WORK ALL NIGHT LONG AND THEN TAKE YOUR MOTHER TO THE
5 DOCTOR AS OPPOSED TO WORKING DURING THE DAY AND GETTING OFF
6 AND TAKING HER TO THE DOCTOR?

7 A YES, IT IS MORE CONVENIENT BECAUSE IN A
8 DRUG TEAM WE DO A LOTS OF SURVEILLANCE. WE START OFF IN
9 THE MORNING AND LIKE I SAID I CAN'T WORK THE HOURS AND TAKE
10 CARE OF MY MOM.

11 Q SO WHEN DO YOU SLEEP?

12 A I GET MY REST, I DO GET MY REST.

13 Q ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION IS WHEN DO YOU
14 SLEEP?

15 A WHENEVER I GO TO SLEEP.

16 Q IS THAT WHY YOU REGULARLY POST ON FACEBOOK
17 ALL DURING THE DAY?

18 A NO.

19 Q DO YOU RECALL, DO YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE?

20 A YES, I DO.

21 Q OKAY, I'LL TALK ABOUT THAT IN A MINUTE.

22 YOU SAID YOUR MOM GOT SICK WHEN?

23 A IT WAS RIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, RIGHT BEFORE
24 CHRISTMAS.

25 Q SO NOW AND YOU'RE BEING HONEST WITH ME, YOU

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1 DIDN'T GET IN ANY TROUBLE AND GET DEMOTED, DID YOU?

2 A NOPE.

3 Q YOU CERTAIN ABOUT THAT?

4 A I'M POSITIVE ABOUT THAT.

5 Q NOW YOU SAID THAT YOU KEPT MR. LEWIS UNDER
6 CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE DURING THIS TRANSACTION?

7 A YES, I DID.

8 Q DID YOU SEE HIM ENTER THE RESIDENCE IN
9 QUESTION?

10 A I DID NOT SEE HIM ENTER THE RESIDENCE, NO,
11 I DIDN'T.

12 Q SO, THEREFORE, YOU DID NOT KEEP HIM UNDER
13 CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE?

14 A I DID TESTIFY THAT ONCE MR. LEWIS WAS
15 WALKING TO HOLLYWOOD THAT HE MADE THE RIGHT THAT'S WHEN I
16 LOST VISUAL CONTACT OF HIM.

17 Q AGAIN YOU DID NOT KEEP HIM UNDER CONSTANT
18 SURVEILLANCE?

19 A NOT UNTIL HE MADE THE RIGHT ON HOLLYWOOD
20 AVENUE, NO, I DIDN'T.

21 Q DID YOU AT ANY TIME SEE QUENTIN HOLT?

22 A NO, I DIDN'T.

23 Q WHAT DOES MR. HOLT'S HOUSE LOOK LIKE?

24 A IT'S A MOBILE HOME, THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY.
25 IT'S A MOBILE HOME.

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1 Q DOUBLE WIDE, SINGLE WIDE, UNDERPINNED?

2 A I DON'T KNOW.

3 Q YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT?

4 A I'VE SEEN IT BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER IF IT WAS
5 A DOUBLE WIDE OR A SINGLE WIDE.

6 Q DID YOU TAKE ANY PICTURES OF IT?

7 A NO, SIR, I DIDN'T.

8 Q YOU WENT THERE TWICE SO DO YOU KNOW WHETHER
9 OR NOT MR. LEWIS ENTERED THE HOUSE OF QUENTIN HOLT?

10 A FROM HIS STATEMENT THAT HE TOLD US, YES.

11 Q NO, SIR, DO YOU OF YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE KNOW
12 WHETHER OR NOT HE ENTERED THE HOME OF QUENTIN HOLT?

13 A NO, I DON'T.

14 Q SO IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE WENT INTO SOMEBODY
15 ELSE'S HOUSE? SIR?

16 A POSSIBLE.

17 Q THANK YOU. THE COURT REPORTER NEEDS TO
18 TAKE YOUR RESPONSE, SHE CAN'T TAKE GESTURES. IS IT
19 POSSIBLE?

20 A POSSIBLE.

21 Q THANK YOU. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT THE
22 HOUSE YOU ENTERED OR YOUR "CI" MR. LEWIS WAS THE HOME OF
23 MR. HOLT?

24 A ACCORDING TO MR. LEWIS THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.
25 LIKE I SAY WE WENT BACK AND LOOKED UP MR. HOLT'S ADDRESS

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1 AND THAT'S THE ADDRESS WE CAME UP WITH.

2 Q SO THE ONLY WAY YOU BASED YOUR ENTIRE
3 INVESTIGATION IS ON THAT OF MR. LEWIS, IS IT NOT?

4 A CORRECT.

5 Q DO YOU KNOW WHAT MR. LEWIS' RECORD IS?

6 A NO, I DIDN'T AT THE TIME.

7 Q WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU THAT HE HAD BEEN
8 CONVICTED OF ARMED ROBBERY?

9 A IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME.

10 Q WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU THAT HE HAD MULTIPLE
11 CONVICTIONS FOR SHOPLIFTING?

12 A THAT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME.

13 Q IS IT NORMALLY THE POLICY OF THE GEORGETOWN
14 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO GIVE MONEY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE
15 KNOWN ABUSERS OF CRACK COCAINE? DID YOU KNOW HE HAD A
16 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM?

17 A I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

18 Q AFTER YOU GAVE HIM THE \$50 THAT YOU CLAIM
19 DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID WITH IT?

20 A ACCORDING TO HIM HE WENT TO MR. HOLT'S
21 RESIDENCE AND PURCHASED THE SUSPECTED CRACK COCAINE WHICH
22 HE CAME BACK WITH.

23 Q NO, SIR, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE MONEY YOU
24 GAVE HIM FOR HIS SERVICES. DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID WITH
25 IT?

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1 A OH, NO, SIR, NO, SIR.

2 Q YOU TESTIFIED THAT YOU GAVE HIM WAS IT \$54
3 ONE TIME?

4 A YES, SIR, \$54.34.

5 Q AND 34 CENTS, WHY 34 CENTS?

6 A WELL WE DID A BUY, WE WENT AND BOUGHT HIM
7 SOMETHING AND WE HAD TO GET OUR BOOKS STRAIGHT SO THAT'S
8 WHY WE, TO EVEN IT OUT WE GIVE HIM 54.34 TO MAKE OUR BOOK
9 STRAIGHT.

10 Q YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU BOUGHT DOPE FROM
11 SOMEBODY AND THEY SOLD IT FOR YOU NOT FOR A ROUND NUMBER
12 BUT FOR SOME MONEY AND SOME CHANGE?

13 A WE DIDN'T GIVE MR. HOLT THE CHANGE, WE GAVE
14 HIM \$54.34.

15 Q WHY?

16 A BECAUSE I HAD TO GET MY BOOKS STRAIGHT,
17 THAT'S WHY.

18 Q AND WHAT MADE YOUR BOOKS GO OFF?

19 A WE WENT AND BOUGHT MR. LEWIS SOMETHING AND
20 WE LIKE TO HAVE EVEN NUMBERS IN OUR BOOKS SO THAT'S WHY WE
21 GAVE HIM 54.34.

22 Q WHAT DID YOU BUY HIM?

23 A I CAN'T REMEMBER AT THIS TIME.

24 Q BUT YOU DID A SHEET, RIGHT?

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: PERMISSION TO APPROACH THE

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1 WITNESS, YOUR HONOR?

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

3 MR. MCKNIGHT: (CONTINUING)

4 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT DOCUMENT?

5 A YES, SIR.

6 Q COULD YOU EXAMINE IT FOR ME, PLEASE?

7 A YES, SIR.

8 Q YOU MIGHT WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO EXAMINE

9 IT MAKE SURE IT'S A TRUE DOCUMENT. IS THAT, DO YOU

10 RECOGNIZE THIS DOCUMENT?

11 A YES, SIR.

12 Q WHAT IS THAT DOCUMENT?

13 A IT'S A STATEMENT THAT MR. LEWIS AND I

14 WROTE.

15 Q ON THAT STATEMENT ARE YOU NOT REQUIRED TO

16 LIST EVERYTHING YOU GIVE TO THE "CI"?

17 A NO, SIR, ACTUALLY IT WAS A DIFFERENT BUY
18 WHERE WE BOUGHT MR. LEWIS SOMETHING, NOT THIS BUY. I JUST
19 HAD TO GET MY BOOKS STRAIGHT WITH THAT BUY; IT'S TOTALLY
20 DIFFERENT CASES.

21 Q WELL WHERE IS THAT SHEET?

22 A IT'S NOT IN REFERENCE TO THIS CASE SO I
23 DON'T NEED THAT SHEET.

24 Q BUT IT'S AT ISSUE NOW. WHAT DID YOU BUY
25 HIM?

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1 A I CAN'T REMEMBER, I CAN'T REMEMBER. IT'S
2 NOT, IT'S NOT IN REFERENCE TO THIS CASE SO --

3 Q SO NOW WE KNOW THAT YOU GAVE MR. LEWIS
4 SOMETHING AND SOME MONEY, WHAT IT WAS WE DON'T KNOW, RIGHT?

5 A CORRECT.

6 Q HOW MANY HOUSES ARE BACK THERE WHERE MR.
7 HOLT'S HOUSE IS?

8 A ANYWHERE BETWEEN I BELIEVE FOUR TO FIVE.

9 Q SO IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE COULD HAVE, HE HAD
10 A ONE IN FIVE CHANCE TO GOING TO MR. HOLT'S HOUSE? HE
11 COULD HAVE GONE TO SOMEBODY ELSE'S HOUSE?

12 A HE COULD HAVE.

13 Q HAVE YOU EVER SHOWN HIM A PICTURE OF MR.
14 HOLT?

15 A NO, SIR.

16 Q SO YOU DON'T, SO IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE TOLD
17 YOU SOMEBODY ELSE AND WAS CALLING HIM QUENTIN; IS IT
18 POSSIBLE?

19 A IT'S POSSIBLE BUT --

20 Q YOU WENT INTO GREAT DETAIL ABOUT YOUR BEST
21 KIT, RIGHT?

22 A YES, SIR.

23 Q BEST IS AN ACRONYM, IS IT NOT?

24 A I HAVE NO IDEA.

25 Q DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT STANDS FOR?

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1 A NO, SIR.

2 Q YOU WENT TO THE ACADEMY, RIGHT?

3 A YES, SIR, WE DIDN'T TOUCH ON THE BEST BAG
4 OR WENT OVER THE BEST BAG AT THE ACADEMY.

5 Q SO IS YOUR TESTIMONY THAT YOU DON'T KNOW
6 HOW TO PROPERLY HANDLE DRUGS?

7 A I DO KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY HANDLE DRUGS.

8 Q WHAT DOES CRACK LOOK LIKE?

9 A IT'S AN OFF WHITE HARD ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCE.

10 Q OFF WHITE HARD ---

11 A CORRECT.

12 Q --- ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCE, CORRECT?

13 A CORRECT.

14 Q THIS LOOK HARD TO YOU?

15 A NO, AND I TESTIFIED TO THAT.

16 Q SO IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THIS AIN'T CRACK?
17 COULD BE PARMESAN CHEESE, COULD IT NOT?

18 A COULD BE.

19 Q THIS A HARD ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCE?

20 A NO, SIR.

21 Q DID YOU BOTHER TO TAKE ANY PICTURES OF THE
22 DRUGS BEFORE YOU PUT IT IN THE BEST BAG?

23 A YES, SIR.

24 Q YOU DID?

25 A YES, SIR, BUT THROUGH OUR TECHNOLOGY ON OUR

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1 COMPUTER SOMETHING HAPPENED TO OUR PICTURES ON OUR
2 COMPUTERS.

3 Q SOMETHING HAPPENED? WHAT HAPPENED?

4 A I HAVE NO IDEA, I'M NOT A COMPUTER TECH.

5 Q DID YOU DO A REPORT SAYING, "HEY, WE LOST
6 SOME EVIDENCE?"

7 A NO, BECAUSE AT THE TIME WE DIDN'T KNOW
8 EVIDENCE WAS LOST.

9 Q SO WHEN YOU FOUND OUT DID YOU DO A REPORT?

10 A NO, I DIDN'T BECAUSE I JUST FOUND OUT.

11 Q JUST FOUND OUT WHEN?

12 A AS OF LAST WEEK FRIDAY WHEN I KNOW I HAD TO
13 COME TO COURT FOR THIS CASE.

14 Q DID YOU TELL THE SOLICITOR THAT?

15 A SHE KNOWS THAT.

16 Q DID YOU TELL HER THAT?

17 A NO, I DIDN'T.

18 Q HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE KNEW?

19 A BECAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE MY LIEUTENANT GOT
20 IN CONTACT WITH HER.

21 Q SO YOU DIDN'T DO IT AND YOU DON'T KNOW FOR
22 SURE IF YOUR LIEUTENANT DID, DO YOU?

23 A I DON'T KNOW, NO.

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: THE COURT'S INDULGENCE.

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT: PERMISSION TO APPROACH, YOUR
2 HONOR?

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: (CONTINUING)

5 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT DOCUMENT?

6 A YES, SIR.

7 Q WHAT IS IT?

8 A IT'S A DOCUMENT OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL
9 INFORMANT SHEET.

10 Q AND THAT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SHEET SAYS
11 THAT YOU MADE PURCHASES THAT HE DEPARTED AND RETURNED AT
12 WHAT TIME?

13 A AT 15, AT 3:30 AND I GOT HIM COMING BACK AT
14 3:40.

15 Q OKAY, YOU GOT THAT IN MILITARY TIME, RIGHT,
16 SO THAT'S 1530?

17 A YES.

18 Q AND IN MILITARY TIME 1530 IS 3:30 P.M.?

19 A CORRECT.

20 Q CORRECT?

21 A YES, SIR.

22 Q LIKEWISE IF IT IS 2:00 IT WOULD BE 1400
23 HOURS?

24 A CORRECT.

25 Q WHICH WOULD MEAN IT WOULD BE 2 P.M.

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1 A CORRECT.

2 Q HOW IS IT THAT YOU PHOTOCOPIED THAT FORM AT
3 1440 BUT YOU LISTED DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL TIMES AS BEING
4 1530; HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

5 A BECAUSE IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR SITUATION.
6 EITHER SOMEONE COULD HAVE PULLED UP TO OUR PREDETERMINED
7 LOCATION WHERE WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO SECURE THE INFORMANT
8 THAT SO NO ONE CAN SEE HIM. THERE'S BEEN SEVERAL TIMES THE
9 WIRE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WORKING RIGHT AND WE HAD TO FIGURE
10 OUT WHICH FREQUENCY TO PUT THE WIRE ON SO THAT TAKES TIME
11 ALSO, SO THAT'S WHY IT MADE THE TIME LAPSE LIKE THAT.

12 Q BUT THE TIME WOULD LAPSE FORWARD NOT GO
13 BACKWARDS?

14 A IT DIDN'T WENT BACKWARDS. IT WENT FROM
15 PHOTOCOPY AT 1440 ---

16 Q 1440?

17 A I PHOTOCOPIED AT THE SHERIFF OFFICE AT
18 1440, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS PHOTOCOPIED, THE MONEY.

19 Q YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MONEY ON HERE,
20 DO YOU?

21 A UP UNTIL THE TIME I PAID HIM, YEAH.

22 Q IT SAYS, READ THAT LINE, IT SAYS
23 PHOTOCOPIED BY WHO?

24 A GRANT.

25 Q WHAT TIME?

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1 A AT 1440.

2 Q WHERE IS THE REFERENCE TO MONEY?

3 A AT THE SERIAL NUMBERS ABOVE THAT.

4 Q SO IS THIS YOUR TESTIMONY THAT YOU
5 PHOTOCOPIED THE MONEY AT 2:40?

6 A YES, SIR.

7 Q AND YOU ARE CERTAIN, AND THIS IS VERY
8 IMPORTANT AND YOU TOOK AN OATH, YOU ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS
9 TRANSACTION THAT YOU'VE ALLEGED THAT MY CLIENT DID OCCURRED
10 AT [REDACTED]

11 A ACCORDING TO THE COMPUTERS THAT WE HAVE IN
12 OUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF MR. HOLT'S ADDRESS THAT'S WHAT IT
13 COMES UP TO [REDACTED]

14 Q YOU'RE CERTAIN THAT'S HIS ADDRESS?

15 A I'M NOT CERTAIN BUT IT'S IN THAT VICINITY.

16 Q CAN I HAVE THAT FORM?

17 A YES, SIR.

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO MORE QUESTIONS OF THIS
19 WITNESS.

20 THE COURT: REDIRECT?

21 MS. BAILEY: BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR.

22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MS. BAILEY:

24 Q IS THE HOLT RESIDENCE RIGHT ON THE ROAD?

25 A YES, MA'AM.

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1 Q OKAY, IS THERE A CURVE IN THE ROAD NEAR THE
2 HOLT RESIDENCE?

3 A THERE'S A CURVE APPROXIMATELY A HALF MILE,
4 YEAH, CORRECT.

5 Q OKAY, AND DID YOU WANT ANYONE WHO WAS
6 SITTING IN THE HOLT RESIDENCE TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU?

7 A NO, MA'AM.

8 Q SITTING THERE?

9 A NO, MA'AM.

10 Q WERE YOU IN AN SUV?

11 A YES, MA'AM, THAT IS VERY NORMAL.

12 Q SO YOUR SUV YOU THINK IS KNOWN IN THE
13 COMMUNITY?

14 A CORRECT.

15 Q OKAY, SO YOU DIDN'T WANT THEM TO SEE YOU?

16 A CORRECT.

17 Q ALL RIGHT, YOU TESTIFIED JUST A FEW MINUTES
18 AGO THAT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE "CI" BOUGHT THE DRUGS FROM
19 SOMEBODY ELSE; DID YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO THINK THAT THAT'S
20 TRUE?

21 A NO, MA'AM.

22 Q DID YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO THINK THAT THE
23 "CI" BOUGHT THE DRUGS FROM ANYBODY OTHER THAN QUENTIN HOLT?

24 A NO, MA'AM, I THINK HE BOUGHT IT FROM, LIKE
25 HE SAID HE WAS, I NEVER HAD MR. LEWIS TO LIE TO ME THAT I

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1 KNOW OF.

2 Q OKAY, YOU TESTIFIED THAT YOU GAVE SOMETHING
3 TO MR. LEWIS, THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, A DIFFERENT BUY?

4 A CORRECT.

5 Q WHICH IS WHY WE'VE GOT THAT ODD NUMBER?

6 A CORRECT.

7 Q THE 54.36?

8 A CORRECT.

9 Q AND YOU DON'T, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS
10 YOU GAVE HIM?

11 A I DON'T REMEMBER BUT IT WAS PREVIOUS BUYS
12 BEFORE THAT AND IF I HAVE TO TAKE A GUESS ON IT IT WOULD BE
13 A SHIRT THAT WE WENT TO FAMILY DOLLAR AND BUY FOR THE
14 BUTTON CAM.

15 Q SO DO YOU REMEMBER IF YOU BOUGHT HIM A
16 HOUSE?

17 A NO, MA'AM.

18 Q DID YOU BUY HIM A CAR?

19 A NO, MA'AM.

20 Q DID YOU BUY HIM AN IPOD?

21 A NO, MA'AM.

22 Q IS IT YOUR TESTIMONY THAT IT'S MOST LIKELY
23 THAT SOMETHING IN DOLLAR-WISE LIKE A SHIRT?

24 A CORRECT.

25 Q AND WE DIDN'T REALLY GET TO TALK ABOUT THIS

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1 BUT JUST CLARIFY FOR THE JURY'S INFORMATION, ON THAT FORM
2 THAT MR. MCKNIGHT WAS REFERENCING IT TALKS ABOUT
3 PHOTOCOPYING FOR THE TIME. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU
4 PHOTOCOPIED?

5 A I PHOTOCOPIED THE MONEY THAT WAS PROVIDED
6 BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

7 Q AND WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE OR
8 AFTER THE BUY?

9 A BEFORE.

10 Q OKAY, SO IT WAS BEFORE THE BUY AT 1440 YOU
11 PHOTOCOPIED THE MONEY?

12 A CORRECT.

13 Q AND THEN THE BUY HAPPENED AT WHEN, 3:30?

14 A 3:30.

15 MS. BAILEY: OKAY, NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU MAY STEP DOWN.

17 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU, SIR.

18 THE COURT: LET ME SEE THE ATTORNEYS FOR A
19 SECOND.

20 (WHEREUPON, A BENCH CONFERENCE WAS HELD OFF THE
21 RECORD IN THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY, BUT OUT OF THE HEARING
22 OF THE JURY AND THE COURT REPORTER.)

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE
24 WERE JUST TRYING TO GET SOME SCHEDULING. BEFORE WE TAKE
25 THIS NEXT WITNESS I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND BREAK

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1 FOR LUNCH SO I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU TO GO TO LUNCH. IT'S
2 ABOUT 12:20, PLEASE BE BACK AT 1:45, THAT WILL GIVE YOU
3 ABOUT AN HOUR AND 25 MINUTES TO EAT LUNCH, BE BACK IN THE
4 JURY ROOM AT 1:45.

5 PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS THE CASE EVEN AMONG
6 YOURSELVES AT THIS POINT IN TIME; IT'S TOO EARLY TO BEGIN
7 DELIBERATIONS. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN YOU CAN DISCUSS THE
8 CASE. DO NOT DISCUSS THE CASE WITH ANYONE. DON'T CONDUCT
9 ANY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS, DON'T GO LOOKING ON THE
10 INTERNET TO TRY TO FOUND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT THE CASE OR
11 LOOKING IN THE NEWSPAPERS OR DISCUSSING ANYTHING WITH
12 ANYONE. YOUR DECISION IS TO BE BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE
13 TESTIMONY AND THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THE TRIAL.

14 I'LL EXCUSE YOU TO LUNCH, HOPE EVERYONE HAS A
15 GOOD LUNCH AND WE'LL SEE YOU BACK AT 1:45, THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH. EVERYBODY PLEASE REMAIN SEATED WHILE THE JURY IS
17 EXCUSED.

18 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY WAS EXCUSED FOR LUNCH AT
19 12:21 P.M.)

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FROM THE STATE
21 BEFORE WE BREAK FOR LUNCH?

22 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, JUST AS A MATTER JUST
25 FOR CLARITY, I KNOW THAT WITH THE COURT WHEN A PERSON

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1 APPEARS THEIR BOND IS SATISFIED AND SO FOR THE PURPOSES OF
2 LUNCH IS MY CLIENT FREE TO LEAVE THE COURTHOUSE OR YOU
3 GOING TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY?

4 THE COURT: WHAT'S THE STATE'S POSITION?

5 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE'S POSITION IS
6 SIMPLY THAT AS LONG AS MR. HOLT UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS TRIAL
7 WILL CONTINUE IN HIS ABSENCE.

8 THE COURT: OKAY, ANY FAILURES TO APPEAR OR
9 ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE WITH HIM?

10 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, SO YOU KNOW HE DID,
11 THERE WAS A FAILURE TO APPEAR BUT THAT WAS BASED ON AN
12 ERROR IN MAILING.

13 THE COURT: OKAY.

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: IT SIMPLY GOT MIXED UP BUT I'VE
15 BEEN REPRESENTING HIM AT LEAST FOR THE LAST THREE OR FOUR
16 MONTHS AND I'VE HAD NO PROBLEMS GETTING HIM.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WELL I'LL GO AHEAD AND
18 I'LL ALLOW HIM TO GO TO LUNCH. JUST KEEP IT IN MIND THAT
19 THE TRIAL IS GOING TO GO FORWARD REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HE'S
20 PRESENT OR NOT PRESENT, OKAY.

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND HE IS REMINDED IF HE
23 DOESN'T APPEAR THEN THERE WILL BE A BENCH WARRANT THAT
24 WE'LL ISSUE ON THAT AND HE CAN BE CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO
25 APPEAR, OKAY.

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3 WE'LL STAND IN RECESS TILL 1:45.

4 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

5 (WHEREUPON, COURT WAS RECESSED FOR LUNCH AND THE
6 FOLLOWING TAKES PLACE ON THE RECORD AFTER THE LUNCH
7 RECESS.)

(WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBITS
8 NUMBER 3 AND 4 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

9 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE STATE BEFORE WE
10 BEGIN?

11 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

12 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
14 HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING

16 ---

17 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, WE'RE GETTING READY TO
18 CALL THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, I GUESS WE SHOULD PROBABLY
19 GO OVER HIS RECORD BRIEFLY. THE STATE RECOGNIZES THAT
20 THERE WILL BE SEVERAL CONVICTIONS THAT WOULD COME IN ON THE
21 DEFENDANT'S RECORD.

22 IN '91 ARMED ROBBERY FOR WHICH HE SERVED A 10-
23 YEAR SENTENCE, I THINK HE'S STILL UNDER THAT SENTENCE 10
24 YEARS FROM TODAY, I THINK THAT COMES IN.

25 THERE IS, IN '97 THERE'S A CRIMINAL SEXUAL

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1 CONDUCT FIRST WITH NO DISPOSITION AND THE STATE JUST WANTED
2 TO BE SURE THAT WAS NOT GOING TO BE ADDRESSED.

3 OKAY, AND THEN A WHOLE BUNCH OF SHOPLIFTINGS AND
4 A BREACH OF TRUST.

5 AND JUST WANTED TO PUT ON THE RECORD THAT WE'RE
6 ALL ON THE SAME PAGE AS TO WHAT ---

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: SHOPLIFTING AND BREACH OF TRUST?

8 MS. BAILEY: RIGHT.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'VE GOT AN ARMED
10 ROBBERY THAT CAN COME IN?

11 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

12 THE COURT: HOW MANY SHOPLIFTINGS?

13 MS. BAILEY: I COUNTED SEVEN CONVICTIONS AND
14 THREE PENDING.

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: THAT'S WHAT I COUNTED AS WELL,
16 JUDGE, SEVEN ARMED ROBBERIES, I MEAN SHOPLIFTINGS, EXCUSE
17 ME.

18 THE COURT: SEVEN SHOPLIFTINGS THAT CAN COME IN?

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

20 THE COURT: AND WHAT WAS THE OTHER?

21 MS. BAILEY: AND BREACH OF TRUST.

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: AND THE ARMED ROBBERY.

23 MS. BAILEY: AND THE ARMED ROBBERY.

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SO ONE ARMED ROBBERY CAN
25 COME IN, SEVEN SHOPLIFTINGS CAN COME IN, AND ONE BREACH OF

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1 TRUST?

2 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

3 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

4 THE COURT: OKAY.

5 MS. BAILEY: I THINK WE ALL AGREE ON THAT?

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING ELSE?

7 MS. BAILEY: THAT'S IT FROM THE STATE.

8 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING
10 THE JURY IN.

11 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
12 2:01 P.M.)

13 THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME BACK,
14 I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GOOD LUNCH. WE'RE READY TO RESUME
15 THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE. MS. BAILEY, YOU CAN CALL YOUR NEXT
16 WITNESS.

17 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE
18 CALLS JOE NATHAN LEWIS.

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, MR. LEWIS, IF
20 YOU'D COME AROUND HERE, PLEASE.

21 JOE NATHAN LEWIS

22 BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

23 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR
24 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

25 THE WITNESS: JOE NATHAN LEWIS.

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, IF YOU COULD SPEAK UP,
2 PLEASE, AND SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE, THANK YOU.

3 THE WITNESS: JOE NATHAN LEWIS.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY.

5 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

6 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

7 **BY MS. BAILEY:**

8 Q MR. LEWIS, DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE NAMED
9 QUENTIN HOLT?

10 A YES, I DO.

11 Q OKAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE NAMED QUENTIN
12 HOLT?

13 A I MADE A SALE FROM HIM.

14 Q OKAY, DID YOU KNOW HIM BEFORE THAT?

15 A YES.

16 Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN HIM?

17 A PROBABLY ABOUT 10 YEARS.

18 Q TEN YEARS, AND HOW DID YOU GET TO KNOW HIM?

19 A FROM BUYING DRUGS FROM HIM.

20 Q AND DID HE HAVE ANY STREET NAMES OR OTHER
21 NAMES HE WENT BY?

22 A BARLEY.

23 Q WOULD YOU SAY THAT AGAIN?

24 A BARLEY.

25 Q BARLEY?

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1 A YEAH.

2 Q OKAY, AND ON JUNE 17TH OF 2009 DID YOU BUY
3 DRUGS FROM HIM?

4 A YES, I DID.

5 Q OKAY, CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT HOW IT HAPPENED
6 THAT DAY?

7 A YES. ME AND SOME AGENTS WE SET UP THE BUY,
8 CALLED HIM, HE SAID HE HAD IT, SO I WENT AND BOUGHT IT,
9 CAME BACK WITH IT.

10 Q OKAY, DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU WENT?

11 A TO HIS TRAILER HOUSE.

12 Q TO HIS TRAILER?

13 A YEAH.

14 Q DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT ROAD THAT WAS ON?

15 A [REDACTED]

16 THE COURT: EXCUSE ME, SIR, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE
17 TO SPEAK UP. THE COURT REPORTER SAYS SHE CANNOT HEAR YOU.
18 SPEAK UP LOUD AND CLEARLY INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE.

19 THE WITNESS: (CONTINUING)

20 A ON THE [REDACTED]

21 Q DID THEY SEARCH YOU BEFORE YOU WENT?

22 A YES, THEY DID.

23 Q AND DID THEY SEARCH YOU AFTER YOU GOT BACK?

24 A YES, THEY DID.

25 Q ON JUNE, THAT SAME DAY ON JUNE 17TH WHEN

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1 YOU WENT OUT THERE DID, DID THEY PUT ANY KIND OF WIRE ON
2 YOU?

3 A YES.

4 Q RECORDER?

5 A YES.

6 Q AND DO YOU REMEMBER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU GAVE
7 MR. HOLT?

8 A YES, \$50.

9 Q OKAY, AND DO YOU REMEMBER HOW MUCH HE GAVE
10 YOU BACK, IF ANYTHING?

11 A HE GAVE ME DRUGS, THAT'S IT.

12 Q OKAY, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH DRUGS?

13 A \$50 WORTH.

14 Q OKAY, WHAT DID YOU THINK THOSE DRUGS WERE,
15 WHAT KIND OF DRUGS?

16 A CRACK COCAINE.

17 Q OKAY, I'M GOING TO HAND --

18 MS. BAILEY: FOR THE RECORD I'M HANDING MR.
19 LEWIS WHAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT 3
20 FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY.

21 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

22 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT, MR. LEWIS?

23 A YES, I DO.

24 Q OKAY, HAVE YOU LISTENED TO THAT BEFORE
25 TODAY?

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1 A YES, ONCE.

2 Q ONCE, OKAY, WHEN DID YOU HAVE OCCASION TO
3 LISTEN TO THAT?

4 A THE INVESTIGATOR CAME BY THE JAIL.

5 Q OKAY, SO SOMEBODY CAME OUT TO THE JAIL AND
6 PLAYED THIS FOR YOU; IS THAT CORRECT?

7 A YES.

8 Q OKAY, AND WHEN YOU LISTENED TO THIS WAS
9 THIS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORDING OF WHAT HAPPENED ON THE
10 DAY OF JUNE 17TH OF 2009?

11 A CORRECT.

12 Q OKAY, WERE THERE ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS
13 ON THIS RECORDING BASED ON YOUR MEMORY?

14 A NO, NO.

15 Q DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS THAT
16 YOU NEED TO MAKE TO THIS TO MAKE IT TRUE AND ACCURATE?

17 A NO, I DON'T.

18 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME THE STATE
19 WOULD MOVE TO INTRODUCE STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 3 INTO
20 EVIDENCE; THIS IS AN AUDIO RECORDING?

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR, YOUR HONOR, I DO HAVE
23 SOME OBJECTIONS, THE FIRST OF IT BEING HEARSAY. IF THERE'S
24 ANYTHING ON IT ---

25 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I THINK WE SHOULD DO

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1 THIS OUTSIDE, IF THAT'S OKAY.

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND
4 GENTLEMEN, I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM.
5 WE HAVE AN ISSUE OF LAW THAT WE NEED TO TAKE UP AND I'LL
6 TELL YOU WHY WE EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM. IT'S NOT
7 THAT WE'RE TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU OR KEEP
8 ANYTHING FROM YOU, BUT AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER YOU ARE THE
9 SOLE JUDGE OF THE FACTS OF THIS CASE. I AM THE JUDGE OF
10 THE LAW IN THIS CASE BUT WHEN WE DECIDE SOME OF THESE
11 ISSUES OF LAW IT REQUIRES THE ATTORNEYS AND MYSELF TO
12 DISCUSS FACTUAL ISSUES. WELL THAT IS NOT EVIDENCE SO WE
13 DON'T WANT ANYTHING THAT THE ATTORNEYS MAY SAY OR ANYTHING
14 THAT I MAY SAY TO INFLUENCE YOU IN YOUR FACTUAL
15 DETERMINATION BECAUSE YOU'RE TO DETERMINE THE FACTS
16 EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE TESTIMONY OF THE WITNESSES, AND SO
17 THAT'S WE EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM. I'M GOING TO
18 EXCUSE YOU BACK AT THIS TIME AND WE'LL BRING YOU BACK OUT
19 IN JUST A MINUTE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT
21 2:08 P.M.)

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT, LET ME HEAR
23 FROM YOU?

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, I HAVE SOME
25 OBJECTIONS, FIRST OF ALL BEING HEARSAY. IF THERE IS ANY

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1 TESTIMONY ON THERE FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON THAT'S
2 IN COURT IT'S BEING OFFERED FOR THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER
3 ASSERTED, THEREFORE, THE TESTIMONY IS MOST DEFINITELY
4 HEARSAY. BEYOND THAT IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT'S PURPORTED
5 TO BE MY CLIENT WE WOULD OBJECT UNDER THE FIFTH AMENDMENT
6 OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. THOSE ARE MY TWO
7 PRIMARY OBJECTIONS.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

9 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, ANY STATEMENTS BY THE
10 DEFENDANT ON THE AUDIO RECORDING ARE GOING TO BE STATEMENTS
11 ALREADY NOTED.

12 THE COURT: WELL I MEAN THAT'S, AND I THINK HIS
13 OBJECTION IS ANY STATEMENTS MADE BY SOMEONE ELSE OTHER THAN
14 THIS WITNESS OR THE DEFENDANT.

15 MS. BAILEY: TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THERE'S
16 NOT. EVEN IF THERE WAS I WOULD SUBMIT THAT IF PROPERLY
17 AUTHENTICATED THE RECORDING IS ADMISSIBLE. I DON'T THINK
18 THAT THERE IS THOUGH.

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, HOW LONG IS IT?

20 MS. BAILEY: IT'S ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

21 THE COURT: OKAY, WELL --

22 MS. BAILEY: THE RELEVANT PART IS MUCH SHORTER,
23 A LOT OF WALKING, I MEAN PROBABLY, AND THEN THE TALKING ON
24 IT.

25 THE COURT: OKAY, WELL, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW

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1 HOW TO RULE UNLESS YOU CAN TELL ME THAT THERE'S NOTHING
2 ELSE ON THERE BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU IF IT'S STATEMENTS
3 MADE BY THE DEFENDANT AND STATEMENTS MADE BY THIS WITNESS
4 IT'S ADMISSIBLE.

5 MS. BAILEY: OKAY ---

6 THE COURT: IF IT'S SOMETHING ELSE I DON'T KNOW
7 WHAT IS SAID OR WHAT --

8 MS. BAILEY: MAY I INQUIRE AS TO THE DEFENDANT,
9 I MEAN AS TO THE WITNESS IF ANYBODY ELSE WAS THERE, IF
10 ANYBODY SAID ANYTHING?

11 THE COURT: WELL I MEAN DO WE NEED TO GET THE
12 JURY BACK IN FOR THAT TESTIMONY OR --

13 MS. BAILEY: WELL COULD I PROFFER IT NOW AND
14 THEN PROFFER IT AGAIN WHEN THE JURY COMES IN?

15 THE COURT: WELL LET'S, I GUESS THE THING TO DO
16 NOW IS TO GO AHEAD AND PROFFER IT AND LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT
17 IT AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY, ANYTHING OBJECTIONABLE. I DON'T
18 KNOW WHY WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS IN A MOTION IN LIMINE
19 OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE BUT LET'S GO AHEAD AND DO IT
20 AND LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND SEE WHAT, WHAT IT SHOWS.

21 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

22 Q MR. LEWIS, WAS, WAS ANYBODY PRESENT WHEN
23 THE DRUGS AND MONEY WERE EXCHANGED EXCEPT FOR YOU AND MR.
24 HOLT?

25 A YES.

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1 Q OKAY, WHO ELSE WAS THERE?

2 A HIS GIRLFRIEND.

3 Q OKAY, AND DID SHE SAY ANYTHING ON THE, THAT
4 YOU REMEMBER?

5 A YES.

6 MS. BAILEY: OKAY, YOUR HONOR, I DID NOT
7 SUBPOENA HER CAUSE SHE'S THE DEFENDANT'S GIRLFRIEND.

8 THE COURT: OKAY.

9 MS. BAILEY: I BELIEVE THAT SHE'S AVAILABLE TO
10 TESTIFY.

11 THE COURT: WELL, AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT RENDERS
12 IT INADMISSIBLE OR NOT. I'LL HAVE TO CHECK IT AND SEE, SEE
13 WHAT'S SAID ON THE, ON THE CD SO LET'S, LET'S GO AHEAD AND
14 PLAY IT AND LET ME LISTEN TO IT.

15 MS. BAILEY: WOULD THE DEFENDANT CONSENT TO I-
16 FAST FORWARD THROUGH THE WALKING?

17 THE COURT: WELL WE NEED TO GO AHEAD AND
18 WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY FOR THE JURY, LET'S GO AHEAD
19 AND PLAY IT NOW.

20 MS. BAILEY: OKAY.

21 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 3 PLAYED IN
22 CAMERA FOR THE COURT.)

23 THE COURT: LET'S TURN THE SCREEN SO HE CAN SEE
24 IT.

25 MS. BAILEY: IT'S ALL AUDIO, NO VIDEO.

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1 THE COURT: OH, IT'S ALL AUDIO.

2 MS. BAILEY: FOR THE COURT'S INFORMATION THAT'S
3 AGENT GRANT.

4 THE COURT: EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING BUT IS
5 THE REST OF THIS HIM JUST WALKING BACK TO THE CAR?

6 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, THERE'S A BRIEF
7 MINUTE THERE AT THE END WHERE HE SPEAKS TO THE AGENT.

8 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN GO AHEAD
9 AND TURN IT OFF IF THAT'S -- ALL RIGHT, I'LL SUSTAIN THE
10 OBJECTION AS TO WHERE IT'S JUST THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN
11 THE AGENT AND THE WITNESS, I AGREE THAT'S HEARSAY.

12 THAT PORTION IF YOU WANT TO LIMIT IT TO THAT
13 PORTION AS TO WHEN HE PURPORTS IT TO BE AT THE RESIDENCE TO
14 MAKE THE BUY I'LL ALLOW THAT. I THINK THAT IS ADMISSIBLE
15 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ALLEGED TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE WITNESS
16 AND THE DEFENDANT, BUT ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE
17 WITNESS AND THE AGENT OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFENDANT
18 I'M GOING TO SUSTAIN THAT AS HEARSAY.

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: JUST FOR CLARITY WOULD THAT
20 INCLUDE, WOULD THAT INCLUDE THE PORTION AT THE END WHERE
21 THE AGENT AND WHOMEVER HE TALKS TO IS THAT NOT ALLOWED AS
22 WELL?

23 THE COURT: YEAH, THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IS
24 THAT THAT, THAT ALL OF THAT TOOK PLACE, I THINK, YEAH,
25 THAT'S IT.

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

2 THE COURT: I'M GOING TO ALLOW THAT PORTION OF
3 THE RECORDING THAT DEALS WITH THE WITNESS AT WHERE HE SAYS
4 THAT HE WAS AT THE DEFENDANT'S HOUSE MAKING THE BUY. THE
5 PRELIMINARY STUFF, THE WALK TO THE HOUSE, THE WALK BACK
6 FROM THE HOUSE, ANYTHING AFTER THAT IS INADMISSIBLE, IF YOU
7 WANT TO LIMIT IT TO THAT PORTION WHEN HE IS AT THE HOUSE.

8 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, JUST FOR, FOR CLARITY
9 SAKE, WHAT, WHAT RULE, WHY, WHY ARE --

10 THE COURT: WELL IT'S HEARSAY. IT IS OUT OF
11 COURT STATEMENT OFFERED FOR THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER
12 ASSERTED. THERE'S NOT AN ADMISSION OR ANYTHING IN THERE BY
13 THE DEFENDANT. IT WOULD, YOU KNOW, IT'S, I JUST DON'T SEE
14 THE VALUE OF IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THEY SAID BUT THE,
15 THE PREJUDICIAL EFFECT FAR OUTWEIGHS THE PROBATIVE VALUE.
16 I THINK YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THAT PORTION THAT
17 CONSTITUTES THE RES GESTAE GET IN BUT I MEAN THEY, JUST
18 BECAUSE THE AGENT AND THE WITNESS MAY HAVE CARRIED ON THREE
19 HOURS ABOUT TALKING ABOUT BUYING DRUGS FROM THE DEFENDANT
20 BEFORE HE GOT TO THE HOUSE AND MAY HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT FOR
21 SIX HOURS AFTERWARDS BUT THAT'S NOT PROOF THAT THEY BOUGHT
22 DRUGS FROM THE DEFENDANT. IT'S JUST LIMITED TO THAT
23 PORTION AS TO WHEN THEY MADE THE BUY BECAUSE WHAT THEY SAID
24 BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM IS NOT EVIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT
25 COMMITTED A CRIME, ALL RIGHT.

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1 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

3 MS. COTE: YOUR HONOR, MAY I HAVE A MINUTE JUST
4 TO ---

5 THE COURT: YEAH, IF YOU WANT TO ---

6 MS. COTE: --- FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHERE TO START
7 AND WHERE TO STOP?

8 THE COURT: THAT'S RIGHT, IF YOU WANT TO FIGURE
9 IT OUT.

10 MS. BAILEY: AND WHILE SHE'S DOING THAT FINDING
11 THE TIME FRAME FOR ME THERE'S A SECOND RECORDING.

12 THE COURT: OKAY.

13 MS. BAILEY: WHILE WE HAVE THE JURY OUT AND IF
14 WE COULD GO AHEAD AND AUTHENTICATE.

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: THAT'S FINE.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AND WHAT IS IT A
17 RECORDING OF?

18 MS. BAILEY: THE JUNE 20TH BUY.

19 THE COURT: AND IT'S THE SAME TYPE SITUATION?

20 MS. BAILEY: YES.

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: IT'S THE SAME TYPE OF SITUATION
22 WHERE IT'S JUST A WHOLE LOT OF CONVERSATIONS BEGINNING,
23 WALKING, AND THEN, I WILL, I WILL STIPULATE PER YOUR RULING
24 ON THE PREVIOUS TAPE.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

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1 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I WOULD ASK, THE STATE
2 WOULD ASK THAT THE COURT INSTRUCT THE JURY THAT THE TAPE
3 HAS BEEN REDACTED FOR JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY BUT NOT GO INTO
4 WHY IT'S BEEN REDACTED AND INSTRUCT THAT THE ATTORNEY NOT
5 TO ARGUE AT CLOSING THAT IT'S BEEN REDACTED FOR SOME
6 CONSPIRACY THEORY OR TO KEEP OUT EVIDENCE IN THE CASE.

7 THE COURT: WELL I MEAN HOW ARE THEY GOING TO
8 KNOW THAT IT'S BEEN REDACTED, OH, OH, I SEE WHAT YOU'RE
9 SAYING BECAUSE WHEN WE SEND IT BACK AND WE SEND IT BACK FOR
10 THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

11 MS. BAILEY: WELL I MEAN EVEN WHEN THEY, WHEN
12 THEY HEAR IT THEY'RE GOING TO HEAR, THEY WON'T HEAR HIM
13 BEING HOOKED UP OR THE BEGINNING OF THE, OF THE TAPE.
14 THERE'S NOT A CLEAR BEGINNING OR END, THEY'RE JUST GOING TO
15 HEAR HIM ---

16 THE COURT: WELL I MEAN I THINK YOU CAN BRING IT
17 OUT, ASK HIM IS THIS A RECORDING OF THE TRANSACTION AND HE
18 SAYS, YES, AND THEN YOU CAN PLAY THE TRANSACTION.

19 MY NEXT QUESTION IS GOING TO BE HOW ARE WE GOING
20 TO GET THIS BACK TO THE JURY FOR THEIR DELIBERATIONS JUST
21 THAT PORTION?

22 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I WOULD JUST SUBMIT
23 THAT IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IT AGAIN WE'RE HAPPY TO
24 PLAY IT OUT HERE.

25 THE COURT: I GUESS THAT'S PROBABLY BE THE WAY

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1 THE COURT: I GUESS THAT'S PROBABLY BE THE WAY
2 TO HANDLE IT, YEAH, WE'LL DO IT THAT WAY. ALL RIGHT, AND
3 SO YOU STIPULATE, MR. MCKNIGHT, THAT ON THE SECOND
4 RECORDING LIKEWISE THAT, I'M RULING INADMISSIBLE ANY
5 CONVERSATIONS THAT ARE JUST STRICTLY BETWEEN THE AGENT AND
6 THE WITNESS, BUT THE RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL TRANSACTION OR
7 THE RES GESTAE OF THE CRIME I'M RULING IS ADMISSIBLE; YOU
8 DON'T NEED TO HEAR THAT PART?

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO, I DO NOT, YOUR HONOR.

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

11 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I HONESTLY DO NOT
12 RECALL IF THERE'S A THIRD PERSON PRESENT DURING THE ACTUAL
13 BUY.

14 THE COURT: WELL EVEN IF THERE IS I THINK THE
15 FACT THAT IF IT IS A RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL PURPORTED
16 CRIME IT IS ADMISSIBLE. AS I SAY MY RULING IS I DON'T WANT
17 THE JURY INFLUENCED BY THE AGENT AND THE WITNESS, WHATEVER
18 THEY TALK ABOUT, THEY MIGHT BE TALKING ABOUT MURDER, BUT
19 THAT'S DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED MURDER, SO
20 I'M GOING TO ALLOW THE, THE RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL CRIME
21 OR WHAT IS THE PURPORTED CRIME.

22 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

24 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, WE WOULD NEED JUST A
25 MOMENT.

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

2 MS. BAILEY: TO TAKE NOTE OF THE TIMES THAT WE
3 NEED TO PLAY.

4 THE COURT: THAT'S GOOD.

5 MS. BAILEY: AND THEN WE'LL BE READY.

6 THE COURT: YOU KNOW BASICALLY THE STARTING TIME
7 IS WHAT YOU NEED BECAUSE YOU CAN TELL WHEN THEY LEAVE AND
8 START WALKING BACK AND YOU CAN JUST STOP IT THEN, ON BOTH
9 RECORDINGS?

10 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, WE ARE SEARCHING
11 FORWARD ON BOTH OF THESE RECORDINGS.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THE
13 STATE BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY BACK IN?

14 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR, JUST FOR
15 CLARIFICATION I WAS MOVING THIS INTO EVIDENCE AND THERE WAS
16 AN OBJECTION, I BELIEVE, THEN YOU RULED ON THAT WHILE THE
17 JURY WAS OUT, FOR CLARIFICATION HAS EXHIBIT 3 BEEN MOVED
18 INTO EVIDENCE?

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YEAH, I'M GOING TO GO
20 AHEAD AND ADMIT PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 3 INTO EVIDENCE OVER
21 THE DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT I SUSTAIN
22 HIS OBJECTION AS TO EVERYTHING THAT TRANSPIRES PRIOR TO THE
23 WITNESS GETTING TO THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE AND EVERYTHING
24 THAT HAPPENS AFTER THE DEFENDANT LEFT, I MEAN AFTER THE
25 WITNESS LEFT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE, ALL RIGHT.

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

112

1 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 3 ENTERED INTO
2 EVIDENCE.)

3 MS. BAILEY: AND AS TO STATE'S EXHIBIT 4 I
4 BELIEVE SOME, SOME OF STATE'S EXHIBIT 4 WAS STIPULATED TO
5 UNDER SIMILAR GROUNDS AS STATE'S EXHIBIT 3, CAN I GO AHEAD
6 AND MOVE STATE'S EXHIBIT 4 INTO EVIDENCE FOR JUDICIAL
7 EFFICIENCY?

8 THE COURT: ANY OBJECTION?

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION.

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4
11 IS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE SUBJECT TO THE DEFENDANT'S
12 OBJECTION WITH THE SAME RULING AS WITH STATE'S EXHIBIT 3,
13 OKAY.

14 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4 ENTERED INTO
15 EVIDENCE.)

16 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, AND WHEN THE
17 JURY COMES OUT MAY I PUBLISH IT TO THEM?

18 THE COURT: YES, ANY OBJECTION?

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO, YOUR HONOR.

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FROM
21 THE STATE BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY BACK IN?

22 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

24 MR. MCKNIGHT, ANYTHING BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY
25 BACK IN?

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

113

1 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S BRING THE JURY IN.

3 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
4 2:56 P.M.)

5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I
6 APOLOGIZE FOR KEEPING YOU OUT SO LONG, WE'RE READY TO
7 RESUME THE TRIAL OF THE CASE, MS. BAILEY.

8 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

9 Q (CONTINUING) MR. LEWIS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 PATIENCE. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT JUNE 17TH, HAVE YOU HAD AN
11 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT REPORT AND IS THAT RIGHT?

12 A THAT'S RIGHT.

13 MS. BAILEY: AND THE STATE HAS MOVED STATE'S
14 EXHIBIT 3 INTO EVIDENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH THAT TO
15 THE JURY AT THIS TIME.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, STATE'S EXHIBIT 3
17 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE. I WILL ALLOW YOU TO GO AHEAD AND
18 PUBLISH IT TO THE JURY.

19 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT 3 PLAYED IN OPEN COURT AND
20 THE DIRECT EXAMINATION OF MR. LEWIS CONTINUES AFTER THE
21 PLAYING OF THE EXHIBIT.)

22 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

23 Q ALL RIGHT, MR. LEWIS, AND WHAT WAS THAT A
24 RECORDING OF?

25 A THE ACTUAL BUY.

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

114

1 Q WHO ALL WAS PRESENT?

2 A HIM AND HIS GIRLFRIEND.

3 Q OKAY, AND WHAT VOICES DID YOU HEARD ON THAT
4 RECORDING?

5 A QUENTIN HOLT AND HIS GIRLFRIEND'S VOICE.

6 Q WAS YOUR VOICE ON THERE, TOO?

7 A YES.

8 Q DO YOU SEE MR. HOLT, THE PERSON THAT YOU
9 BOUGHT FROM ON THAT RECORDING, IS HE IN THE COURTROOM HERE
10 TODAY?

11 A YES.

12 Q WOULD YOU POINT HIM OUT FOR ME?

13 A RIGHT HERE.

14 Q THERE'S THREE PEOPLE SITTING AT THE TABLE
15 OVER THERE, WOULD YOU DESCRIBE WHICH ONE HE IS?

16 A BLACK SIT.

17 Q IS HE THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE?

18 A YES.

19 Q AFTER YOU LEFT MR. HOLT'S RESIDENCE WHERE
20 DID YOU GO WHEN YOU LEFT THERE?

21 A WENT BACK TO AGENT GRANT.

22 Q AND DID YOU, WHAT DID YOU ---

23 THE COURT: EXCUSE ME FOR A SECOND. PLEASE
24 SPEAK UP. THE COURT REPORTER SAYS SHE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

25 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

115

1 Q WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE DRUGS YOU JUST
2 PURCHASED?

3 A IT WAS ALREADY IN A BAG.

4 Q WHAT KIND OF BAG WAS IT IN?

5 A IN A SMALL ZIPLOC BAG.

6 Q AND WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT WHEN YOU GOT
7 BACK TO AGENT GRANT?

8 A I RETURNED IT TO HIM.

9 Q DID YOU ALTER IT OR CHANGE IT WHILE YOU HAD
10 IT?

11 A NO.

12 Q DID YOU TAKE ANY OUT OF IT; DID YOU DO
13 ANYTHING TO IT OTHER THAN DELIVER IT TO AGENT GRANT?

14 A NO.

15 MS. BAILEY: FOR THE RECORD I'M SHOWING
16 MR. LEWIS WHAT'S PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT
17 NUMBER 1 FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY.

18 Q (CONTINUING) MR. LEWIS IS THERE A SMALL BAG
19 IN THERE?

20 A YES, THERE IS.

21 Q DOES IT LOOK LIKE WHAT YOU PURCHASED THAT
22 DAY?

23 A YES.

24 Q MR. LEWIS, A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER ON JUNE
25 20TH, DID YOU AGAIN HAVE INTERACTION WITH MR. HOLT?

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

116

1 A YES.

2 Q WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DATE?

3 A DID ANOTHER BUY.

4 A YES.

5 Q WERE YOU SEARCHED BEFORE HAND?

6 A YES.

7 Q WHICH AGENT WAS INVOLVED IN THAT?

8 A AGENT GRANT.

9 Q AND AFTER YOU WERE SEARCHED WHERE DID YOU
10 GO?

11 A WENT TO HIS RESIDENCE AND BOUGHT THE
12 QUANTITY OF CRACK COCAINE.

13 Q AT WHOSE RESIDENCE?

14 A YES.

15 Q WHOSE RESIDENCE?

16 A QUENTIN HOLT.

17 Q AND HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU GIVE HIM THAT
18 DAY?

19 A \$50.

20 Q AND HOW MUCH DID HE GIVE YOU BACK, OR WHAT
21 DID HE GIVE YOU BACK?

22 A CRACK COCAINE.

23 Q AND AFTER YOU LEFT MR. HOLT'S RESIDENCE
24 WHERE DID YOU GO ON THAT DAY?

25 A I CAME BACK TO THE AGENTS.

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

117

1 Q AND WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE CRACK COCAINE
2 AT THAT POINT?

3 A RETURNED IT TO THEM.

4 Q DID YOU ALTER OR CHANGE IT IN ANY WAY?

5 A NO I DIDN'T.

6 MS. BAILEY: FOR THE RECORD, THE STATE IS
7 PUBLISHING WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT
8 NUMBER 4 THAT'S BEEN STIPULATED TO BY THE DEFENSE.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER
10 4 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.

11 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4 ENTERED INTO
12 EVIDENCE.)

13 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT 4 PLAYED IN OPEN
14 COURT.)

15 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

16 Q AND WHAT WAS THAT A RECORDING OF, MR.
17 LEWIS?

18 A THE ACTUAL BUY.

19 Q WHOSE VOICES WERE ON THAT RECIRDING?

20 A ME AND QUENTIN HOLT'S.

21 Q OKAY, WAS THAT A FAIR AND ACCURATE
22 DEPICTION OF WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?

23 A YES.

24 Q AND DO YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS THAT YOU BOUGHT
25 FROM?

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

118

1 A ALL I KNOW IS [REDACTED] I DON'T
2 KNOW THE ACTUAL ADDRESS.

3 Q OKAY, BUT YOU KNOW IT IS [REDACTED]

4 A YES.

5 Q ALL RIGHT, AND YOU KNOW IT'S WHERE MR.
6 QUENTIN HOLT WAS LOCATED; IS THAT CORRECT?

7 A YES.

8 Q ALL RIGHT, DID YOU MAKE ANY STOPS AFTER YOU
9 LEFT?

10 A NO, NO, I DIDN'T.

11 Q YOU WENT STRAIGHT BACK TO THE AGENT; IS
12 THAT RIGHT?

13 A YES.

14 Q OKAY, DID YOU BUY DRUGS FROM ANYBODY ELSE
15 DURING THAT RECORDED PERIOD?

16 A NO, NO, I DID NOT.

17 Q OKAY, HOW ABOUT ON, THERE WERE TWO DATES,
18 THE JUNE 17TH AND JUNE 20TH. ON EITHER OF THOSE TWO DAYS
19 THAT YOU, WHILE YOU WERE BEING MONITORED UNDER SURVEILLANCE
20 FROM THE ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU, DID YOU BUY DRUGS FROM
21 ANYBODY ELSE?

22 A NO, I DID NOT.

23 Q OKAY, AND ON EACH OF THOSE DAYS HOW MUCH
24 MONEY DID YOU GIVE MR. HOLT?

25 A \$50.

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

119

1 Q AND WHAT DID HE GIVE YOU IN RETURN?

2 A CRACK COCAINE.

3 Q OKAY, NOW IT'S NO SECRET THAT YOU'RE HERE
4 IN CHAINS AND IN A JUMPSUIT, DO YOU HAVE CURRENT PENDING
5 CHARGES?

6 A YES, I DO.

7 Q WHAT PENDING CHARGES DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE?

8 A SHOPLIFTING.

9 Q OKAY, WHERE ALL DO YOU HAVE SHOPLIFTING
10 CHARGES FROM?

11 A HORRY, BERKLEY, GEORGETOWN, THAT'S THE ONLY
12 THREE.

13 Q OKAY, AND DO YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD?

14 A YES, I DO.

15 Q YOU HAVE A RECORD FOR ARMED ROBBERY?

16 A YES, ABOUT ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO.

17 Q 1991, DOES THAT SOUND RIGHT?

18 A YES.

19 Q AND YOU HAVE A RECORD FOR BREACH OF TRUST?

20 A YES, I DO.

21 Q AND YOU HAVE A RECORD FOR PROBABLY SEVEN OR
22 MORE SHOPLIFTINGS?

23 A YES.

24 Q IN THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN?

25 A YES.

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

120

1 Q NOW ON THE DAY WHEN YOU WERE WORKING WITH
2 ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU, THOUGH, WERE YOU WORKING OFF
3 CHARGES?

4 A NO, I WASN'T.

5 Q WERE YOU UNDER PENDING CHARGES AT THE TIME
6 THAT YOU WERE MAKING A DEAL FOR?

7 A NO.

8 Q OKAY, AT THAT TIME WHY DID YOU DO THIS WORK
9 AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT?

10 A I NEEDED THE MONEY.

11 Q OKAY, SO THEY, DID THEY PAY YOU?

12 A YES.

13 Q OKAY, ABOUT HOW MUCH DID THEY PAY YOU FOR
14 THESE TWO?

15 A I THINK IT WAS LIKE \$50.

16 Q OKAY, NOW WE JUST DISCUSSED THAT YOU DO
17 CURRENTLY HAVE PENDING CHARGES, HAVE I MADE ANY DEALS WITH
18 YOU?

19 A NO, NO.

20 Q HAVE I PROMISED YOU ANYTHING IN EXCHANGE
21 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY?

22 A NO, YOU HAVEN'T.

23 Q AND HAS MY INVESTIGATOR OR ANYBODY FROM MY
24 OFFICE OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROMISED YOU ANYTHING
25 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY?

MR. LEWIS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

121

1 A NO.

2 Q OKAY, I'M SHOWING THE DEFENDANT WHAT'S BEEN
3 PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT 4 ON THAT JUNE 20TH
4 BUY, THAT SECOND RECORDING WE JUST LISTENED TO, WHAT DO YOU
5 SEE THERE IN STATE'S EXHIBIT 2?

6 A IT'S A BAG OF CRACK COCAINE.

7 Q OKAY, IS THAT SIMILAR OR VERY CLOSE TO THE
8 BAG OF CRACK COCAINE THAT YOU PURCHASED THE DAY ON JUNE
9 20TH?

10 A YES.

11 Q OKAY, AND IS THAT THE SAME SMALL BAG?

12 A YES.

13 Q THE SAME ONE THAT YOU DELIVERED TO AGENT
14 GRANT?

15 A YES, IT IS.

16 Q THE AREA THAT MR. HOLT WHERE YOU WENT TO
17 BUY THOSE DRUGS ARE THERE OTHER HOLT'S THAT LIVE IN THAT
18 AREA?

19 A YES, THERE IS.

20 Q OKAY, IS IT, IS IT SEVERAL HOMES IN ONE
21 SMALL AREA?

22 A YES.

23 Q OKAY, ARE THEY ALL HOLT'S THAT LIVE THERE?

24 A YES, TO MY KNOWLEDGE IT IS.

25 MS. BAILEY: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

122

1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT?

3 THE COURT: YES, SIR.

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU.

5 CROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

7 Q SIR, HOW OLD ARE YOU?

8 A FORTY.

9 Q YOU WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL IN WILLIAMSBURG
10 COUNTY?

11 A YES, I DID.

12 Q WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?

13 A EXCUSE ME?

14 Q WHAT YEAR DID YOU GRADUATE?

15 A '88.

16 Q DO YOU SUFFER FROM ANY MENTAL ILLNESSES?

17 A NO, I DON'T.

18 Q SO YOU, YOU'RE NOT SUFFERING FROM
19 KLEPTOMANIA OR ANY OF THESE DISORDERS THAT MAKE YOU STEAL,
20 DO YOU?

21 A NO.

22 Q WHY DO YOU HAVE SO MANY SHOPLIFTING
23 OFFENSES?

24 A IT JUST HIT A BAD SPOT IN MY LIFE. I JUST
25 DECIDED TO DO IT, THINKING I CAN GET AWAY WITH IT.

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

123

1 Q YOU'VE BEEN IN SEVEN DIFFERENT BAD SPOTS IN
2 YOUR LIFE?

3 A PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT.

4 Q DO YOU USE ANY ILLEGAL DRUGS?

5 A I HAVE IN THE PAST.

6 Q YOU'VE USED CRACK COCAINE?

7 A I HAVE.

8 Q HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU USED CRACK?

9 A I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER.

10 Q THEY CALL CRACK ROCK, DON'T THEY?

11 A YES.

12 Q AND THEY CALL IT ROCK WHY?

13 A SOME OF IT LOOK LIKE ROCK, SOME LOOK
14 CRUMPLED UP, SOME, I MEAN IF YOU BUY IT SOME OF IT THAT'S
15 HOW IT JUST LOOK.

16 Q IT LOOK LIKE ROCK, LIKE BROKE UP PIECES OF
17 ROCK, RIGHT?

18 A SOME OF IT, SOMETIMES.

19 Q LIKE IF YOU TOOK A IVORY SOAP BAR AND
20 CHOPPED IT UP IN LITTLE PIECES LOOK LIKE CRACK?

21 A SOME OF IT.

22 Q SOME OF IT?

23 A YEAH, YEAH.

24 Q THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE POWDER COCAINE,
25 DOESN'T IT?

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

124

1 A IT CAN BE BOUGHT THE SAME WAY.

2 Q IT CAN BE BOUGHT THE SAME WAY?

3 A AND LOOK THE SAME, TOO.

4 Q LOOK THE SAME WAY?

5 A YEAH.

6 Q I GOT YOU. YOU GOT A PENDING SHOPLIFTING
7 OFFENSE, DO YOU NOT?

8 A THREE.

9 Q THREE?

10 A YEAH.

11 Q AND IF YOU GET CONVICTED OF THEM HOW LONG
12 DO YOU GO TO JAIL?

13 A I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL BE, IT ALL
14 DEPENDS ON WHAT THEY DECIDE TO DO.

15 Q WHAT THEY DECIDE TO DO?

16 A YEAH.

17 Q AND WHO'S THE "THEY" YOU TALKING ABOUT?

18 A MY LAWYER AND THE SOLICITOR, I MEAN
19 SOMETIME THEY PLEA BARGAIN, SOMETIMES JUST HAVE TO WAIT IT
20 OUT TO GET TIME SERVED.

21 Q WHAT'S GOING TO GET YOU A BETTER DEAL?

22 A EXCUSE ME?

23 Q WHAT IS GOING TO GET YOU A BETTER DEAL?

24 A MEANING WHAT?

25 Q IF YOU WALKED OFF THE STAND RIGHT NOW AND

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

125

1 SAYS I'M NOT COOPERATING DO YOU STAND TO GET MORE TIME?

2 A I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

3 Q YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT, WOULD YOU?

4 A I'M ALREADY HERE WHAT'S THE USE OF WALKING
5 OFF.

6 Q RIGHT, YOU KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AND ASKED
7 FOR WHO THE FIRST TIME?

8 A EXCUSE ME?

9 Q YOU KNOCKED ON THE DOOR, ON THE TAPE, CAN
10 YOU HEAR ME?

11 A YEAH.

12 Q OKAY ---

13 A SOME OF IT I CAN'T HEAR YOU, SOME OF IT I
14 CAN.

15 Q OKAY, YOU KNOCKED ON THE DOOR ON THE TAPE
16 ON THE CD THERE AND YOU ASKED FOR SOMEONE --

17 A YES.

18 Q WHO DID YOU ASK FOR?

19 A BARLEY.

20 Q BARLEY?

21 A YEAH.

22 Q OKAY, MY CLIENT'S NAME IS WHAT?

23 A QUENTIN HOLT.

24 Q OKAY, AND YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR QUENTIN AT ANY
25 TIME, DID YOU?

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 A NO, I DIDN'T.

2 Q WHAT HOUSE DID YOU GO TO?

3 A I WENT TO HIS HOUSE.

4 Q YOU WENT TO HIS HOUSE?

5 A YES.

6 Q AND YOU WENT INSIDE THE HOUSE?

7 A YES, I DID.

8 Q OKAY, WHERE IN THE HOUSE DID YOU GO?

9 A IN THE KITCHEN AREA.

10 Q OKAY, WHAT DOES THE KITCHEN LOOK LIKE?

11 A IT HAS A TABLE, REFRIGERATOR, STOVE.

12 Q RIGHT?

13 A SINK.

14 Q OKAY, WHAT COLOR ARE THE WALLS?

15 A AT THAT TIME THEY WERE BROWN.

16 Q THEY WERE BROWN?

17 A AT THAT TIME.

18 Q AND YOU'RE SURE ABOUT THAT?

19 A YEAH.

20 Q YOU'RE NOT COLOR BLIND, ARE YOU?

21 A NO, I'M NOT.

22 Q OKAY, SO YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW YOUR REDS, YOUR

23 BLUES, AND YOUR GREENS?

24 A RIGHT.

25 Q AND YOU'RE CERTAIN THAT IT WAS BROWN?

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

127

1 A YES.

2 Q OKAY, HOUSE SINGLE WIDE OR DOUBLE WIDE?

3 A SINGLE, SINGLE.

4 Q YOU'RE SURE?

5 A POSITIVE.

6 Q NOW THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE TAPE ABOUT
7 SELLING COLOGNE, ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T GO THERE TO SELL
8 ANY COLOGNE?

9 A NO.

10 Q I MEAN ARE YOU THE AVON MAN OR SOMETHING?

11 A THAT'S, THAT'S SOME OF THE STUFF THAT I WAS
12 DOING WHEN I WAS OUT THERE, SELL PERFUME AND COLOGNE.

13 Q OKAY, NOW LET ME ASK YOU THIS, DO YOU KNOW
14 THAT GENTLEMAN SITTING RIGHT THERE, HIM?

15 A AGENT GRANT.

16 Q AGENT GRANT?

17 A YEAH.

18 Q DID HE GIVE YOU MONEY TO BUY SOMETHING?

19 A YEAH, CRACK COCAINE. HE DIDN'T GIVE IT TO
20 ME, I MEAN HE GIVE IT TO ME FOR THE BUY.

21 Q OKAY, BUT AT ANY TIME DURING ONE OF THESE
22 BUYS DID YA'LL GO TO THE STORE AND BUY SOMETHING FOR YOU?

23 A FOR ME, NO.

24 Q YES, SIR?

25 A NO.

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

128

1 Q YOU'RE SURE?

2 A POSITIVE.

3 Q YOU'RE SURE THAT EITHER ON THE 17TH OF JUNE
4 OR THE 20TH OF JUNE YOU AND MR. GRANT DIDN'T GO TO THE
5 STORE AND BUY SOMETHING?

6 A NO.

7 Q HE DIDN'T BUY, DID HE BUY YOU A SHIRT?

8 A IF HE DID I WASN'T THERE.

9 Q DID YOU EVER RECEIVE A SHIRT FROM HIM?

10 A THE SHIRT THAT WE USED FOR THE BUY.

11 Q OKAY, BUT YOU DIDN'T GO WITH HIM TO BUY THE
12 SHIRT?

13 A NO, I DID NOT.

14 Q OKAY, AND AS FAR AS YOU KNOW HE DIDN'T GIVE
15 YOU NO MONEY TO BUY NOTHING BUT CRACK, RIGHT?

16 A THAT'S IT.

17 Q AND THE MONEY WHICH HE PAID YOU?

18 A RIGHT.

19 Q TO DO THAT, OKAY, DID HE EVER GIVE YOU, YOU
20 SAID HE GAVE YOU \$50 EVERY TIME, RIGHT?

21 A YES.

22 Q DID HE EVER GIVE YOU LIKE \$54?

23 A IF HE DID I CAN'T REMEMBER BUT EVERY TIME
24 IT WAS \$50.

25 Q DID HE EVER GIVE YOU ANY CHANGE?

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

129

1 A YES, AT ONE POINT, YEAH, YEAH, NOT DURING
2 THOSE TWO BUYS.

3 Q NOT DURING THOSE BUYS?

4 A NO.

5 Q JUST SOLID PAPER MONEY, RIGHT?

6 A YES.

7 Q OKAY, I WANT YOU TO THINK BACK TO THE 20TH
8 OF JUNE 2009, ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT THAT BUY HAPPENED
9 BETWEEN THE TIME OF 3:15 AND 3:32 IN THE AFTERNOON?

10 A TO BE HONEST WITH YOU THE TIME I DON'T KNOW
11 EXACT THAT THAT'S WHEN THE BUY HAPPENED I MEAN.

12 Q DAY TIME, NIGHT TIME?

13 A IT WAS DAY TIME.

14 Q THIS IS SUMMER TIME, WAS THE SUN HIGH IN
15 THE SKY?

16 A YES.

17 Q OR WAS IT KIND OF LOW IN THE SKY?

18 A IT WAS, IT WAS GETTING TOWARD LIKE MID
19 AFTERNOON LIKE, YOU KNOW, SOMEWHERE AROUND THAT TIME.

20 Q I GOT YOU. NOW YOU LISTENED TO THE TAPE.
21 HOW DID YOU GET THE DRUGS IF THE PERSON ON THE TAPE TOLD
22 YOU THAT THEY WEREN'T SELLING ANY WEIGHT?

23 A HOW DID I GET IT?

24 Q YEAH?

25 A CAUSE I ASKED HIM TO GIVE ME WHAT HE CAN

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

130

1 GIVE ME.

2 Q DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE PERSON ON THE TAPE SAY
3 I AIN'T GOT NO GRAMS?

4 A SAID I DON'T SELL GRAMS. HE HAD GRAMS, BUT
5 HE WASN'T GOING TO SELL THE WHOLE GRAM. HE SAID HE WOULD
6 GIVE ME WHAT HE CAN GIVE. I SAID, WELL WHATEVER YOU CAN
7 DO.

8 Q OKAY, RIGHT, BUT NOT ONE TIME ON THAT TAPE
9 DO I HEAR YOU MENTION HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAD?

10 A WELL I MEAN WHEN YOU GO AND ASK SOMEONE FOR
11 A GRAM ON THE STREET THAT'S KNOWN AS \$50 REGARDLESS. I
12 MEAN IT'S NOT 49, NOT 58, IT'S 50.

13 Q OKAY, THAT'S 50 AND YOU GET A WHOLE GRAM,
14 RIGHT?

15 A SUPPOSED TO.

16 Q BUT HOW MUCH DID YOU GET THIS TIME?

17 A THE ACTUAL WEIGHT I DON'T KNOW. HE JUST
18 FIXED IT UP, HE SAID. HE TOLD ME IT WASN'T A WHOLE GRAM SO
19 I KNEW IT WASN'T A GRAM.

20 Q SO YOU JUST GAVE AWAY THE MONEY?

21 A THAT WAS THE BUY. I DIDN'T GIVE IT AWAY,
22 HE GAVE ME SOMETHING IN RETURN.

23 Q BUT YOU DIDN'T GET WHAT YOU WANTED
24 ALLEGEDLY?

25 A IF IT WAS MY MONEY WHEN I WAS OUT THERE I

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

131

1 STILL WOULD HAVE BOUGHT IT.

2 Q HOOKED ON IT THAT BAD, HUH?

3 A I WOULDN'T SAY HOOKED ON THAT BAD BUT I WAS
4 ON IT.

5 Q OKAY, NOW YOU MENTIONED ON DIRECT THAT YOU
6 RETURNED THE CRACK TO AGENT GRAY, OR GRANT, YOU RETURNED IT
7 TO HIM?

8 A UH-HUH.

9 Q DID YOU GET IT FROM HIM BEFORE AND THEN
10 BRING IT BACK?

11 A NO.

12 Q OKAY, I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR NOW HE DIDN'T
13 GIVE YOU THE DOPE TO GO OVER THERE AND YOU BROUGHT IT BACK
14 TO HIM?

15 A NO.

16 Q NO?

17

18 A NO, NO, HE DIDN'T.

19 Q NOW WHEN YOU BROUGHT THIS BACK THIS IS WHAT
20 YOU BROUGHT IT IN, RIGHT?

21 A YES.

22 Q DO YOU RECALL HIM TAKING ANY PICTURES OF
23 IT?

24 A YES, THEY DID.

25 Q THEY DID?

MR. LEWIS - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

132

1 A YES.

2 Q THEY TOOK SOME PICTURES OF IT?

3 A YES.

4 Q BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANY PICTURES?

5 A I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM.

6 Q DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PICTURES THEY TOOK?

7 A I DON'T KNOW.

8 Q WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE MONEY YOU GOT, I

9 MEAN THE MONEY THEY PAID YOU? WHAT DID YOU USE IT FOR?

10 A A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. I MIGHT HAVE
11 PUT IN GAS IN THE CAR OR BUY SOMETHING TO EAT WHATEVER, I
12 MEAN --

13 Q YOU GOT A CAR, YOU HAD A CAR?

14 A STILL GOT ONE.

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: THE COURT'S INDULGENCE JUST ONE
16 MINUTE, YOUR HONOR?

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: (CONTINUING)

19 Q SO LET'S BE CLEAR, NOW YOU WENT IN THE
20 HOUSE AND ONLY WENT IN THE BATHROOM?

21 A EXCUSE ME?

22 Q YOU WENT IN THE HOUSE, EXCUSE ME, YOU WENT
23 IN THE HOUSE AND ONLY WENT IN THE KITCHEN?

24 A YES.

25 Q AND THE KITCHEN WALLS WERE BROWN?

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 133

1 A AT THAT TIME THEY WERE.

2 Q GOT ANY CURTAINS?

3 A YEAH, IT WAS OVER THE SINK AND THE WINDOW
4 BY THE TABLE IN THE KITCHEN.

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: ALL RIGHT, THEIR WITNESS.

6 THE COURT: REDIRECT?

7 MS. BAILEY: I'VE GOT NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR
8 HONOR.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU MAY STEP DOWN.

10 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU, SIR.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY, YOU CAN CALL
12 YOUR NEXT WITNESS.

13 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE
14 CALLS MICHAEL THACKER.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

16 INVESTIGATOR MICHAEL THACKER

17 BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

18 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR
19 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

20 THE WITNESS: MICHAEL THACKER.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. BAILEY:

23 Q WHAT'S YOUR POSITION, MR. THACKER?

24 A THE EVIDENCE CUSTODIAN WITH THE SHERIFF'S
25 OFFICE.

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 134

1 Q AND WHAT'S YOUR CURRENT TITLE?

2 A INVESTIGATOR.

3 Q INVESTIGATOR?

4 A YES, MA'AM.

5 Q AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

7 A FOR 10 YEARS.

8 Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN EVIDENCE?

9 A SINCE MARCH, 2009.

10 Q OKAY, WHAT KIND OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
11 HAVE YOU HAD?

12 A WELL MOST OF WHAT I DO IS WITH, IN THE, NOT
13 ON THE EVIDENCE SIDE WITH THE, WITH THAT PART BUT WITH THE
14 CRIME SCENE AND I ALSO DO THAT WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

15 Q OKAY, NOW AS FAR AS RELATES TO THIS CASE
16 DID YOU HAVE REASON TO HOLD ANY EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE OUT
17 OF THAT DRUG DROP BOX?

18 A YES, MA'AM.

19 Q AND COULD YOU TELL THE JURY WHEN YOU
20 REMOVED THAT EVIDENCE?

21 A I CAN, IT WAS JULY 2ND, 2009.

22 Q OKAY, ON THAT DATE WE HAVE TWO SEPARATE
23 PIECES OF EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE, ONE, DID YOU PULL OUT TWO
24 PIECES OF EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE?

25 A YES, MA'AM.

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 135

1 Q AND DID YOU HANDLE BOTH OF THOSE THE SAME?

2 A YES, MA'AM.

3 Q AND DID YOU HANDLE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME ON
4 THE SAME DAY?

5 A THAT'S CORRECT.

6 Q OKAY, AND SO WHERE DID YOU RETRIEVE THEM
7 FROM?

8 A THEY WERE TAKEN FROM OUR DRUG DROP BOX.

9 Q AND CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THAT BOX, IS IT
10 SECURE?

11 A SURE, IT'S A, IT LOOKS, IT'S BASICALLY AN
12 OLD, THE OLDER STYLE MAILBOX THAT THEY HAD OUTSIDE ON
13 CORNERS AND THAT'S GOT ONE SLOT FOR THE ITEMS TO GO INTO
14 AND LOCKED ON THE OTHER SIDE WITH PADLOCKS.

15 Q AND WHO HAS THE KEYS TO THAT?

16 A I DO.

17 Q ANYBODY ELSE?

18 A ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON THAT'S MY SUPERVISOR
19 AND THE KEYS ARE ACTUALLY IN MY OFFICE. HE HAS A KEY TO
20 MY, MY DOOR.

21 Q OKAY, AND SO AFTER, SO, AFTER MR. -- AGENT
22 GRANT DROPPED THE DRUGS INTO THE DRUG DROP BOX WOULD IT
23 HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR ANYBODY ELSE TO ACCESS THEM?

24 A NO, NOT, NOT WITHOUT ME BECAUSE I, ONCE I
25 HAVE THOSE THERE THEN THEY'RE SECURED IN THERE.

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 136

1 Q OKAY, AND COULD THEY HAVE BEEN ALTERED OR
2 CHANGED IN ANY WAY WHILE THEY WERE STORED IN THAT BOX?

3 A NOT AT ALL, NO, MA'AM.

4 Q OKAY, AND AFTER YOU RETRIEVED THEM FROM
5 THAT BOX WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THEM?

6 A ONCE I TOOK THEM FROM THERE THEN I TAKE
7 THEM TO SLED.

8 Q OKAY, AND WHO DID YOU DROP, WHO DID YOU
9 SIGN THEM OVER TO AT SLED OR DROP THEM OFF WITH?

10 A BOTH ITEMS WERE SIGNED OVER TO SELENA
11 KINARD.

12 Q OKAY, AND THAT, WHERE, WHICH LOCATION OF
13 SLED WAS THAT?

14 A THAT WAS AT THEIR EVIDENCE LOG IN IN
15 COLUMBIA.

16 Q AND HOW DID THEY GET FROM HERE TO THERE?

17 A I TRANSPORT THEM BY VEHICLE.

18 Q YOU DROVE THEM UP THERE?

19 A YES, MA'AM.

20 Q OKAY, AND WHILE THEY WERE IN YOUR
21 POSSESSION AND THEY WERE IN YOUR VEHICLE DID YOU ALTER THEM
22 OR CHANGE THEM IN ANY WAY?

23 A NO, MA'AM, THEY'RE ACTUALLY SEALED
24 THEIRSELVES.

25 Q AND DO YOU LEAVE THEM IN A, IN A HOT CAR

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 137

1 UNATTENDED OR ANYTHING?

2 A NO, MA'AM. THEY GO FROM THE TIME I LEAVE I
3 TOOK THEM OUT OF THE BOX, TWO AND A HALF HOURS, DEPENDING
4 ON TRAFFIC TO GET THERE.

5 Q OKAY, AND YOU MENTIONED THAT THEY WERE
6 SEALED WHAT KIND OF BAG ARE THEY IN?

7 A THEY CALL THEM BEST BAGS, ONCE THE OFFICER
8 PUTS THE PAPER WORK AND THE ITEMS IN THERE THEY SEAL THEM
9 UP AND THEIR TAMPER PROOF TAPE ON IT SO THERE'S, I DON'T
10 MESS WITH THAT AT ALL, BUT JUST TO LOOK AT THE PAPER WORK
11 AND MAKE SURE IT'S FILLED OUT CORRECTLY AND, AND THAT'S IT,
12 BUT THEY CAN'T BE OPENED.

13 Q OKAY, SO DO YOU EVER BREAK THAT SEAL?

14 A I DO NOT.

15 Q OKAY, AND IN THIS CASE DID YOU BREAK THAT
16 SEAL?

17 A I DID NOT.

18 Q OKAY, FOR THE RECORD I'M HANDING
19 INVESTIGATOR THACKER WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED FOR
20 IDENTIFICATION AS STATE'S EXHIBITS 1 AND 2; DO YOU
21 RECOGNIZE THOSE ITEMS?

22 A YES, MA'AM.

23 Q AND COULD YOU DESCRIBE FOR THE JURY WHAT
24 THOSE ARE?

25 A THESE ARE THE TWO BEST BAGS WITH THE ITEMS

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 138

1 THAT WERE TURNED IN FOR THESE TWO PARTICULAR CASES.

2 Q NOW NOT THIS PLASTIC BAG HERE BUT THIS BLUE
3 BAG UNDERNEATH THAT'S ALSO PLASTIC WITH THE GREEN SEAL,
4 WHAT CONDITION WAS THAT IN WHEN YOU PULLED IT OUT OF THE
5 DRUG DROP BOX?

6 A THIS WAS SEALED AS IT, AS IT SHOULD, SHOULD
7 BE INSIDE OF THIS PACKAGING.

8 Q AND THAT WAS FOR BOTH OF THESE; IS THAT
9 CORRECT?

10 A THAT'S CORRECT.

11 Q OKAY, AND IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A
12 TRANSLUCENT BAG THERE, COULD YOU SEE ANY ITEMS LOCATED
13 WITHIN IT?

14 A INSIDE THE BAG IS THE ITEMS, YOU CAN, YOU
15 CAN SEE THEM INSIDE THE PACKAGING, YES, MA'AM.

16 Q OKAY, AND DO THEY LOOK ANY DIFFERENT TODAY
17 THAN THEY DID BACK THEN?

18 A ONLY THAT WITH THE NUMBERS WRITTEN ON THEM
19 ONCE THEY'VE BEEN ANALYZED.

20 Q WE'LL GO INTO THAT WITH THE PERSON THAT
21 DOES THAT STAGE?

22 A YES.

23 Q THAT'S THE ONLY CHANGE FROM WHEN YOU
24 TRANSPORTED THEM?

25 A THAT'S CORRECT.

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY 139

1 Q OKAY, NOW NOT SPECIFICALLY TO THESE BUT
2 LET'S TALK GENERALLY ABOUT WHAT YOUR PROCEDURE IS FOR AFTER
3 THE DRUGS HAVE BEEN ANALYZED AT SLED, AFTER A CHEMIST LOOKS
4 AT THEM. DO YOU GO PICK THEM UP, DO THEY, DO YOU STORE
5 THEM, DOES SLED STORE THEM, HOW DOES THAT WORK?

6 A WHEN I GOT TO SLED TO TAKE ANY ITEMS NO
7 MATTER IF IT'S THIS TYPE OF CASE OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CASE
8 THEY KEEP A LOG OF THINGS THAT ARE READY TO BE RETURNED AND
9 AT THAT TIME IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE RETURNED
10 I'LL GET THOSE ITEMS BACK AND I ACTUALLY HAVE SIGNED FOR
11 THEM. I SIGN THEM OUT FROM SOMEONE JUST LIKE I DO WHEN I
12 SIGN SOMETHING IN. I BRING THEM BACK AND THEY GO, THEY'RE
13 STORED AT OUR OFFICE.

14 Q OKAY, AND HOW DO THEY, HOW WOULD THESE
15 ITEMS HAVE BEEN STORED IN YOUR OFFICE?

16 A JUST AS YOU SEE THERE THE PACKAGE IS THE
17 SAME, I DON'T TOUCH THAT AT ALL SINCE IT'S ALREADY SEALED.
18 I GIVE IT A NUMBER, THEY STORE ON THE SHELF THAT I'M GOING
19 TO STORE IT ON AND IT GOES ON THE SHELF AND THAT'S WHERE
20 IT'S AT UNTIL DISPOSITIONS.

21 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS FOLDER RIGHT HERE?

22 A UH-HUH.

23 Q OKAY, IS THIS WHAT YOU BROUGHT THE DRUGS
24 HERE?

25 A I DID.

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - CROSS EXAM. BY MR. MCKNIGHT 140

1 Q TODAY IN?

2 A YES, MA'AM.

3 Q OKAY, AND WERE THEY INSIDE THIS MANILA
4 ENVELOPE?

5 A YES, MA'AM.

6 Q OKAY, DO YOU EVER STACK THESE OR FILE THEM
7 OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT OTHER EVIDENCE AROUND THEM?

8 A NO, THOSE ARE ON THE SHELF, THEY'RE ON A
9 SHELF UNLESS I TAKE THEM OFF FOR COURT OR TO BE DESTROYED.

10 Q NOW THESE, THE CONDITION THAT THESE DRUGS
11 ARE IN DOES IT EVER HAPPEN THAT SOMETIMES SOME WEIGHT GETS
12 PUT ON TOP OF THE ENVELOPE?

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, THAT CALLS
14 FOR SPECULATION.

15 THE COURT: OVERRULED.

16 THE WITNESS: (CONTINUING)

17 A IT COULD BE POSSIBLE AND, YOU KNOW, ONCE,
18 WHEN I BRING SOMETHING BACK, FOR INSTANCE, FROM SLED
19 EVERYTHING IS IN A EITHER A BOX OR A LARGE BAG SO THERE'S
20 OTHER ITEMS IN THERE. THEY PUT BANDS AROUND THEM TO KEEP
21 THEM TOGETHER AND WHEN I ---

22 Q THEY MIGHT GET RUSTLED AROUND IN THERE?

23 A IT'S POSSIBLE AND AS FAR AS THE ITEMS
24 THEIRSELF, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY THE PROCESSES
25 THEY GO THROUGH WITH THE ANALYSIS SO --

INVESTIGATOR THACKER - CROSS EXAM. BY MR. MCKNIGHT 141

1 Q TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE RUSTLING THEM
2 AROUND IN THE BOX IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE CHEMICAL
3 COMPOSITION; IS THAT CORRECT?

4 A I WOULD SAY NOT.

5 MS. BAILEY: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

6 THE COURT: MR. MCKNIGHT?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: VERY BRIEFLY.

8 CROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

10 Q INVESTIGATOR THACKER?

11 A YES, SIR.

12 Q YOU HAVE NO REASON TO KNOW THESE ITEMS HERE
13 WERE CRUSHED, DO YOU?

14 A I DO NOT. AS, AS I HAD STATED BEFORE THE
15 ITEMS ARE ALREADY PLACED IN THE BAGS, THEY'RE SEALED. I
16 TAKE THEM UP THERE AND TURN THEM IN AND WHEN I GET THEM
17 BACK THEY'RE SEALED IN A PACKAGE LIKE THAT. I DON'T KNOW
18 WHAT'S, WHAT'S DONE WITH THEM FROM THEIR POINT.

19 Q THAT'S THAT BEST KIT IN THERE, RIGHT?

20 A YES, SIR.

21 Q YOU WENT TO THE ACADEMY, DID YOU NOT?

22 A YES, SIR.

23 Q YOU WENT FOR NINE WEEKS?

24 A YES, SIR.

25 Q WHAT DOES BEST STAND FOR?

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1 A I DO NOT KNOW, SIR.

2 Q THEY DON'T TEACH YOU WHAT THAT MEANS?

3 A I DON'T KNOW EITHER, NO, SIR.

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR WITNESS.

5 THE COURT: REDIRECT?

6 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SIR, YOU MAY STEP DOWN.

8 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.

9 THE COURT: MS. BAILEY, YOU CAN CALL YOUR NEXT
10 WITNESS.

11 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE
12 CALLS SELINA KINARD.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

14 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, CAN INVESTIGATOR
15 THACKER BE RELEASED FROM HIS SUBPOENA?

16 MR. MCKNIGHT: I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENT ON
17 CALLING HIM BACK.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THAT WILL BE FINE, HE'S
19 FREE TO GO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 **SELINA KINARD**

21 **BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:**

22 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR
23 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

24 THE WITNESS: SELINA KINARD.

25 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

MS. KINARD - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

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1 BY MS. BAILEY:

2 Q WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?

3 A I AM A FORENSIC TECHNICIAN WITH SLED.

4 Q WHAT DOES SLED STAND FOR?

5 A THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT
6 DIVISION.

7 Q AND WHAT TYPE OF EVIDENCE DO YOU HANDLE AS
8 A FORENSIC TECHNICIAN?

9 A I AM IN THE ACTUAL INTAKE OF THE EVIDENCE
10 SO WE HANDLE ALL TYPES OF EVIDENCE FROM EACH AGENCY ACROSS
11 THE STATE.

12 Q OKAY, SO DO YOU EVER HANDLE DRUGS?

13 A YES, WE DO.

14 Q ILLEGAL DRUGS?

15 A YES.

16 Q BUT YOU ALSO HANDLE OTHER KINDS OF
17 EVIDENCE; IS THAT RIGHT?

18 A THAT'S CORRECT, WE COULD HAVE WEAPONS,
19 CLOTHING FROM SCENES, BASICALLY ANYTHING FROM A CRIME
20 SCENE,

21 Q OKAY, WHAT ARE YOUR PROCEDURES FOR
22 EVIDENCE?

23 A THE AGENCY WILL COME INTO SLED AND THEY
24 WILL SIGN IN WITH OUR RECEPTIONIST AND WE WILL CALL EACH
25 AGENCY BACK AS WE ARE READY FOR THEM TO LOG IN THEIR

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1 EVIDENCE. THEY WILL SET DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US AT OUR
2 DESK AND THEY WILL HAND US EACH CASE. WE WORK EACH CASE
3 SEPARATELY AND ONE AT A TIME AND WE LOG THAT EVIDENCE IN TO
4 OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM. ONCE IT'S LOGGED IN AND ALL
5 INFORMATION IS VERIFIED THE SUBMITTING OFFICER WILL SIGN A
6 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE PAD AND OUR COMPUTER CAPTURES THAT
7 SIGNATURE AND ONCE THAT'S SAVED A UNIQUE LAB NUMBER IS
8 ASSIGNED TO THAT CASE AND THAT'S HOW IT'S TRACKED THROUGH
9 THE LAB.

10 Q AND IN THIS CASE DID THAT HAPPEN?

11 A YES, IT DID.

12 Q AND WHAT DATE DID THE EVIDENCE COME INTO
13 YOUR LAB?

14 A LET ME VERIFY WITH MY CHAIN OF CUSTODY,
15 ACCORDING TO MY CHAIN OF CUSTODY I RECEIVED THAT ON JULY
16 THE 2ND OF 2009 FROM MICHAEL THACKER WITH GEORGETOWN.

17 Q AND HOW MANY PIECES OF EVIDENCE DID YOU
18 RECEIVE?

19 A ACCORDING TO MY CHAIN IT WAS ONE, WE LIST
20 IT AS ONE BEST KIT.

21 Q AND DO YOU HAVE A SECOND CHAIN OF CUSTODY?

22 A I DO, AND THAT WAS, I RECEIVED BOTH ON THE
23 SAME, SAME DAY, JULY THE 2ND.

24 Q FOR THE RECORD I'M SHOWING THE WITNESS WHAT
25 HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBITS 1 AND 2 FOR

MS. KINARD - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

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1 IDENTIFICATION, TAKE A MOMENT TO LOOK AT THOSE?

2 A OKAY, YES, I DO RECOGNIZE THESE.

3 Q YOU RECOGNIZE THESE?

4 A UH-HUH.

5 Q OKAY, AND WHAT ARE THOSE?

6 A THESE ARE WHAT WE CALL BEST KITS OR THESE
7 ARE NOW PACKAGED DIFFERENTLY THAN I WOULD RECEIVE THEM
8 DURING INTAKE FROM THE OFFICER, BUT I RECOGNIZE THEM FROM
9 THE YELLOW LABEL THAT IS AFFIXED ON THE INSIDE. THAT HAS
10 THE LAB NUMBER AND THEN THE ITEM NUMBER FOR EACH CASE AND
11 ONE IS L0907986, ITEM NUMBER ONE; AND ONE IS L0908007, ITEM
12 NUMBER ONE.

13 Q AND WHO DID YOU RECEIVE THOSE FROM?

14 A MICHAEL THACKER WITH GEORGETOWN COUNTY
15 SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

16 Q AND WHAT DATE WAS THAT?

17 A ON JULY THE 2ND OF 2009.

18 Q AND WHILE THE DRUGS WERE IN YOUR POSSESSION
19 AND INTAKE DID YOU ALTER OR CHANGE THEM IN ANY WAY?

20 A NO, I DID NOT.

21 Q DID YOU OPEN THAT BEST KIT?

22 A THE ONLY THING THAT WE OPEN THE INNER
23 PACKAGE OF THAT OUTSIDE PACKAGE THAT IS CALLED A K-PAK
24 POUCH ACTUALLY COMES IN AN ENVELOPE WHEN IT'S ORIGINALLY
25 SUBMITTED TO US SO WE DO OPEN THAT CLASP BECAUSE THE

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1 ENVELOPE HAS A UNIQUE NUMBER THAT WE CALL A BEST KIT NUMBER
2 OR A CONTROL NUMBER AND WE WILL COMPARE THAT NUMBER ON THE
3 OUTSIDE ENVELOPE TO THE INNER POUCH THAT'S IN THE ENVELOPE
4 AND VERIFY THAT IT'S, THAT THAT IS SEALED ON THE INSIDE OF
5 THE ENVELOPE.

6 Q SO THE INTERIOR ENVELOPE REMAINS SEALED; IS
7 THAT RIGHT?

8 A THAT'S CORRECT, THAT'S CORRECT, YEAH, THAT,
9 THE GREEN PART OF I GUESS YOU WOULD SAY OF THE INNER ---

10 Q THIS PART RIGHT HERE?

11 A RIGHT, THE GREEN PART IS WHAT WE WOULD
12 CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT'S SEALED AND SIGNED BY THE OFFICER
13 AND THEN THE OUTER PACKAGE IS ACTUALLY AN ENVELOPE.

14 Q AND SO AFTER THE OFFICER SIGNS THEM OVER TO
15 YOU AND YOU TAKE POSSESSION WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE
16 EVIDENCE THEN?

17 A AT THAT TIME IT'S STILL IN MY CUSTODY.
18 WHEN I FINISH LOGGING IT IN, LOGGING ALL HIS CASES I WILL
19 TAKE THAT EVIDENCE BACK TO OUR EVIDENCE ROOM AND PUT THAT
20 EVIDENCE INTO OUR LOCKED EVIDENCE ROOM AND OUR DRUGS AND
21 WEAPONS ARE LOCKED DOWN SEPARATELY THAN ALL OF OUR OTHER
22 EVIDENCE.

23 Q AND WHO HAS ACCESS TO THAT LOCKED EVIDENCE
24 ROOM, THE DRUGS AND THE WEAPONS?

25 A WE HAVE FIVE TECHNICIANS WITHIN EVIDENCE

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1 CONTROL AND THEN OUR CAPTAIN.

2 Q SO THAT'S SIX PEOPLE IN THE STATE?

3 A SIX, RIGHT.

4 Q HAVE KEYS TO THAT ROOM?

5 A RIGHT.

6 Q AND WHILE THEY'RE IN THAT ROOM CAN ANYBODY
7 OTHER THAN THOSE SIX PEOPLE GET INTO THAT ROOM OR ALTER OR
8 CHANGE THE EVIDENCE IN ANY WAY?

9 A NO, THEY CANNOT.

10 Q OKAY, AND DID THEY IN THIS CASE?

11 A NO, NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

12 Q OKAY, AND THEN DID YOU HAVE REASON TO
13 HANDLE THESE DRUGS ONE OTHER TIME?

14 A YES, I DID.

15 Q AND WHEN WAS THAT?

16 A THAT WAS ACTUALLY ON BOTH CASES THE SAME
17 DAY, JULY THE 2ND OF 2009 I TOOK THOSE OUT OF DRUG EVIDENCE
18 INTAKE STORAGE AND PUT THEM INTO MY CUSTODY AGAIN AND AT
19 THAT TIME TRANSFERRED THEM TO MARIBETH BURROUGHS WHO IS THE
20 FORENSIC SCIENTIST FOR DRUG I.D.

21 Q OKAY, AND WHEN YOU TOOK, NOW FAR IS IT FROM
22 YOUR DRUG STORAGE FACILITY TO MARIBETH BURROUGHS OFFICE?

23 A ACTUALLY, SHE ACTUALLY, TYPICALLY WHAT THE
24 ANALYST DO IS THEY WILL E-MAIL US A LIST OF THEIR CASES
25 THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PICK UP AT THAT TIME AND WE WILL GO

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1 TO OUR EVIDENCE ROOM WHICH ACTUALLY WHERE WE SIT IT'S JUST
2 RIGHT BEHIND US AND THERE'S ONLY ONE DOOR TO ACCESS THE
3 EVIDENCE ROOM AND WE WILL GO BACK TO THE EVIDENCE ROOM AND
4 PICK THOSE CASES AND LET THEM KNOW WHEN THEY'RE READY FOR
5 PICK UP, SO THEY ACTUALLY COME TO US.

6 Q OKAY, AND SO UNTIL YOU DELIVERED IT TO
7 MARIBETH BURROUGHS PERSONALLY HOW LONG DID YOU, HOW LONG
8 WAS IT OUT OF THE EVIDENCE STORAGE ROOM?

9 A LET'S SEE APPROXIMATELY A MINUTE, AT 1326 I
10 PUT IT IN MY CUSTODY AND 1327 I PUT IT INTO MARIBETH'S
11 CUSTODY.

12 Q AND WAS IT ALTERED OR CHANGED IN ANY WAY AT
13 THAT TIME?

14 A NO.

15 MS. BAILEY: I'VE GOT NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

17 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO QUESTIONS OF THIS WITNESS.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU MAY STEP DOWN, THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH.

20 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.

21 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, MAY MS. KINARD BE
22 RELEASED FROM HER SUBPOENA SO SHE CAN GO BACK TO COLUMBIA.

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE
24 DEFENSE, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE FREE TO GO, THANK

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1 YOU VERY MUCH.

2 A THANK YOU.

3 THE COURT: MS. BAILEY, YOU CAN CALL YOUR NEXT
4 WITNESS.

5 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE
6 CALLS MARIBETH BURROUGHS.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

8 **MARIBETH BURROUGHS**

9 **BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:**

10 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR
11 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

12 THE WITNESS: MARIBETH BURROUGHS.

13 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

14 **BY MS. BAILEY:**

15 Q SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE COURT
16 REPORTER?

17 A B-U-R-R-O-U-G-H-S.

18 Q THANK YOU, WHAT'S YOUR CURRENT POSITION?

19 A I'M A FORENSIC CHEMIST IN THE DRUG ANALYSIS
20 DEPARTMENT AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
21 DIVISION ALSO KNOWN AS SLED.

22 Q WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING DO YOU
23 HAVE?

24 A I HAVE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
25 CHEMISTRY AND ALSO A MASTERS IN SECONDARY SCIENCE

MS. BURROUGHS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

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1 EDUCATION, BOTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

2 Q AND NOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN YOUR CURRENT
3 POSITION?

4 A FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS.

5 Q AND BEFORE THAT WERE YOU IN SCHOOL OR
6 COLLEGE?

7 A BEFORE THAT I WAS A PHYSICAL SCIENCE
8 TEACHER.

9 Q AND CAN YOU TELL THE JURY GENERALLY WHAT
10 YOU DO AS PART OF YOUR JOB?

11 A YES, I ANALYZE NON BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE FOR
12 THE PRESENCE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

13 Q AND BY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES YOU MEAN
14 ILLEGAL DRUGS?

15 A YES.

16 Q AND IN THIS CASE STATE V. QUENTIN J. HOLT
17 DID YOU ANALYZE ANY EVIDENCE?

18 A YES.

19 Q FIRST LET ME ASK YOU HOW MANY, HAVE YOU
20 EVER TESTIFIED IN COURT BEFORE?

21 A YES.

22 Q HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU TESTIFIED?

23 A FIVE TIMES.

24 Q AND HAVE YOU BEEN QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT
25 PREVIOUSLY?

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1 A YES.

2 MS. BAILEY: OKAY, AND AT THIS TIME THE STATE
3 WOULD MOVE TO ADMIT MS. MARIBETH BURROUGHS AS AN EXPERT IN
4 FORENSIC LABORATORY ANALYSIS.

5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT, ANY
6 CHALLENGES OR QUESTIONS?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, YOUR HONOR, WE'D LIKE SOME
8 LIMITED VOIR DIRE.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I'LL ALLOW THAT.

10 VOIR DIRE

11 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

12 Q MARIBETH, YOU GRADUATED WITH A BACHELORS OF
13 SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY?

14 A YES, SIR.

15 Q FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA?

16 A YES.

17 Q AND YOU'RE CERTIFIED TO TEST NON BIOLOGICAL
18 SUBSTANCES FOR THE PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS; IS THAT
19 RIGHT?

20 A YES.

21 Q AND THAT MEANS THAT YOU USE OFTENTIMES A
22 MASS SPECTROSCOPY; IS THAT CORRECT, SAY THAT WORD FOR ME?

23 A IT'S GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY, MASS SPECTROSCOPY.

24 Q IS THAT LIKE WHERE YOU BURN THE SUBSTANCE
25 AND LOOK AT THE LIGHTS IN IT TO TELL WHAT SUBSTANCES ARE

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1 THERE?

2 A NO, SIR.

3 Q WHAT DO YOU DO?

4 A ACTUALLY THE SUBSTANCE IS VOLATILIZED AND
5 ELECTRONS HIT THE SUBSTANCE AND A SPECTRUM IS PRODUCED.
6 EVERY COMPOUND HAS A SPECTRUM THAT IS UNIQUE FOR THAT
7 COMPOUND AND WE ALSO RUN STANDARDS, IN THIS CASE LIKE KNOWN
8 COCAINE, AND I COMPARE THE SPECTRUM THAT IS PRODUCED FROM
9 MY SAMPLE TO THE STANDARD.

10 Q NOW YOU SAID YOU HAD LIGHT ELECTRONS, FOR
11 LIGHT, RIGHT? YOU GOT TO GET IT TO PRODUCE LIGHT, DON'T
12 YOU, TO LOOK AT THE SPECTRUM?

13 A IT IS HEATED IN AN OVEN.

14 Q RIGHT, SO YOU BURN IT BUT YOU'VE GOT TO
15 WARM IT SO YOU CAN THE LIGHT?

16 A IT IS HEATED.

17 Q RIGHT, IT'S SORT OF LIKE WHAT THE
18 SCIENTISTS DO WITH THE STAR LIGHT TO TELL WHAT STARS ARE
19 BURNING AND LOOK AT THE THE LIGHT SIGNATURE, WHATEVER THAT
20 LITTLE LABEL OF COLOR SIGNATURES YOU CAN TELL WHAT IT IS,
21 IS THAT HOW IT WORKS?

22 A NO, SIR.

23 Q WELL HOW DO YOU TELL, YOU USE A SPECTRUM OR
24 YOU USE ---

25 A CAN YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION, PLEASE?

MS. BURROUGHS - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

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1 Q OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, I BURN THIS
2 PAPER IT'S GOING TO GIVE ME A PARTICULAR SPECTRUM, WILL IT
3 NOT, IF I WARM IT, WILL IT NOT?

4 A I, THAT'S NOT --

5 Q SO YOU'RE TELLING ME, SO HOW IS IT THAT
6 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TELL WHAT THE SUBSTANCE IS IF
7 YOU'RE LOOKING AT A SPECTRUM RANGE, ISN'T IT GOING TO GIVE
8 YOU DIFFERENT COLORS, IT'S GOING TO GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT
9 SHADE OF VIOLENT, A DIFFERENT SHADE OF BLUE, A DIFFERENT
10 SHADE OF YELLOW?

11 A WE DO NOT USE COLORS ACTUALLY IT'S, THE
12 COMPOUND IS BROKEN DOWN INTO FRAGMENTS WHICH ARE GROUPS OF
13 IONS AND THAT'S HOW WE TELL BUT IT'S NOT WITH COLORS OR --

14 Q DO YOU GET A PRINT OUT?

15 A YES, SIR.

16 Q BUT IT COMES FROM COMPUTER, RIGHT?

17 A YES.

18 Q AND IT TELLS YOU WHETHER OR NOT YOU, WHAT
19 IT IS, RIGHT?

20 A IT GIVES US A LIBRARY MATCH OF WHAT IT IS.

21 Q DO YOU CALIBRATE THE COMPUTER YOURSELF?

22 A NO, SIR.

23 Q WHO DOES?

24 A WE DON'T CALIBRATE THAT INSTRUMENT, WE TUNE
25 THAT INSTRUMENT.

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1 Q DO YOU TUNE IT?

2 A YES, SIR.

3 Q OKAY, AND YOU'RE SURE YOU TUNED IT ON THE
4 DAY IN QUESTION YOU TESTED THE SUBSTANCE?

5 A IT'S TUNED WEEKLY.

6 Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SUPPORT THE FACT
7 THAT YOU TUNED IT DURING THE WEEK THAT YOU DID IT ALLEGEDLY
8 HERE?

9 A WE WOULD HAVE THAT IN OUR OFFICE AND I
10 COULD PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU BUT I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME
11 TODAY.

12 Q HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISQUALIFIED AS A
13 WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE, AS AN EXPERT WITNESS?

14 A NO, SIR.

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, I DO HAVE AN
16 OBJECTION.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLAIN AND SIMPLY, YOUR HONOR ---

19 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I'D REQUEST WE DO THIS
20 OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET
22 ME EXCUSE BACK TO THE JURY ROOM BRIEFLY WHILE WE TAKE UP
23 THESE MATTERS OF LAW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT
25 3:50 P.M.)

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME THE
3 DEFENSE OBJECTS TO THIS WITNESS TO BE STIPULATED AS AN
4 EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF FORENSIC TESTING OF ILLEGAL
5 SUBSTANCES, WHATEVER IT IS SHE SEEKS TO ENTER. WE DON'T
6 BELIEVE SHE'S QUALIFIED IN THAT SHE'S GOING TO TESTIFY THAT
7 USING A MACHINE WITH WHICH TO GET A RESULT FROM AND BY HER
8 OWN ADMISSION ON THE STAND SHE HAS NO WAY OF VERIFYING AND
9 PRESENT TO THE COURT THAT THAT MACHINE WAS CALIBRATED OR
10 TUNED AS SHE PUT IT.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: PRIOR TO IT BEING USED TO TEST
13 ILLICIT SUBSTANCE IN QUESTION HERE TODAY I BELIEVE THAT
14 THAT CAST SOME SERIOUS DOUBT AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT SHE
15 SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TESTIFY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE
16 SUBSTANCE IN QUESTION IS OR IS NOT CRACK COCAINE.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY?

18 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, FIRST OF ALL THAT
19 DOESN'T GO TO ADMISSIBILITY, IT WOULD SIMPLY GO TO HE CAN
20 CROSS EXAMINE THE WITNESS ON THAT.

21 SECOND OF ALL THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
22 SHE CAN BE QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT IS SIMPLY THIS, DOES SHE
23 HAVE EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE TO ASSIST THE TRIER IN
24 FACT BEYOND WHAT, WHAT A NORMAL PERSON WOULD AND GIVEN SHE
25 HAS A MASTERS DEGREE IN SCIENCES AND SHE HAS AN

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1 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN SCIENCES AND SHE HAS BEEN TRAINED
2 BY SLED AND SHE KNOWS HOW TO WORK THIS EQUIPMENT THE STATE
3 WOULD SUBMIT THAT SHE IS; AND SHE'S BEEN QUALIFIED BEFORE
4 THAT'S ANOTHER PRONG OF THE TEST THAT SHE IS IN FACT AN
5 EXPERT AND ANY, ANY ADDITIONAL PROBES AS TO HOW RELIABLE
6 HER TESTING WAS CAN BE DONE ON CROSS EXAMINATION.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO OVERRULE THE
8 OBJECTION. I'M GOING TO FIND THAT SHE IS QUALIFIED AS AN
9 EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF FORENSIC CHEMISTRY. ALL RIGHT,
10 ANYTHING BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY BACK IN?

11 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING FROM THE STATE.

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, BEFORE WE
14 PROCEED -- THAT'S ONE OF THE SITTING JURORS?

15 MADAM CLERK: YES, SIR.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ONE OF THE JURORS HAS
17 JUST ADVISED THE BAILIFF THAT SHE KNOWS THE DEFENDANT.

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: CAN WE APPROACH, YOUR HONOR?

19 THE COURT: YEAH, COME ON UP.

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: ARE YOU GOING TO THEN SUBSTITUTE
21 WITH THE ALTERNATE?

22 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I WOULD JUST REQUEST
23 THAT YOUR HONOR INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER THERE'S BEEN ANY
24 DISCUSSION IN THAT ROOM, IN THE JURY ROOM EVEN THOUGH
25 THEY'RE TOLD NOT TO, WHETHER THERE'S BEEN ANY DISCUSSION AS

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1 TO THAT SHE KNOWS THE DEFENDANT OR HOW ELSE SHE KNOWS HIM
2 OR RELAYED ANY INFORMATION.

3 THE COURT: WELL I THINK I'M GOING TO BRING HER
4 OUT AND ASK HER THAT. I MEAN DO YA'LL AGREE THAT WE NEED
5 TO SEAT ONE OF THE ALTERNATES OR WHAT DO YA'LL THINK?

6 MR. MCKNIGHT: I THINK IT'S DEPENDING UPON WHAT
7 SHE COMES OUT HERE AND TELLS YOU, YOUR HONOR, BUT, YEAH,
8 SEATING ONE OF THE ALTERNATES IS DEFINITELY A CURE IF
9 THERE'S BEEN ANYTHING THAT'S ADVERSELY DONE UNLESS SHE'S
10 JUST POISONED THE JURY POOL IN SHAPE FORM OR FASHION.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING
12 HER OUT HERE AND LET ME QUESTION HER RIGHT QUICK.

13 (WHEREUPON, JUROR #266 ENTERS THE COURTROOM.)

14 THE COURT: YES, MA'AM, IF YOU'D COME STAND
15 RIGHT HERE AND STAND IN FRONT OF THE COURT REPORTER. YOUR
16 NAME?

17 JUROR NUMBER 266: [REDACTED].

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. [REDACTED] JUROR NUMBER
19 266, IS THAT CORRECT?

20 MS. [REDACTED] YES, SIR.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THE BAILIFF TOLD ME THAT
22 YOU INFORMED HIM THAT YOU KNEW THE DEFENDANT?

23 MS. [REDACTED] I DON'T KNOW HIM BY FACE BUT THE
24 NAMES, THE NICKNAME OF BARLEY IF IT'S THE SAME BARLEY THAT
25 I THINK IT IS I KEEP HIS SCHOOL KIDS ALL THE TIME.

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1 THE COURT: OKAY.

2 MS. [REDACTED] HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND'S NAME IS FELICIA
3 COOPER, IF IT'S THE SAME ONE.

4 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, I MEAN DO YOU
5 RECOGNIZE HIM OR KNOW HIM OR YOU JUST RECOGNIZE ---

6 MS. [REDACTED] I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE. HE'S
7 NOT WITH HER NOW. I JUST KNOW THAT HER CHILDREN'S FATHER'S
8 NAME IS BARLEY.

9 THE COURT: OKAY, AND SO YOU KEPT THE CHILDREN?

10 MS. [REDACTED] YES.

11 THE COURT: AND YOU JUST KNOW THE NAME BARLEY?

12 MS. [REDACTED] I JUST KNOW THE NAME BARLEY, I
13 DON'T KNOW HIM PERSONALLY.

14 THE COURT: OKAY, AND WHAT WAS, WHAT WAS THE EX-
15 GIRLFRIEND'S NAME?

16 MS. [REDACTED] FELICIA COOPER.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I GUESS IS THIS THE ONE
18 AND THE SAME PERSON OR DO YOU KNOW?

19 MR. MCKNIGHT: ARE YOU INQUIRING?

20 THE COURT: YEAH?

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, I SPOKE WITH MY
22 CLIENT AND HE SAYS THAT THAT THE MOTHER, HE HAS TWO SETS OF
23 CHILDREN BY TWO DIFFERENT YOUNG LADIES AND THAT NEITHER OF
24 THEM ARE NAMED THE PERSON THAT THE JUROR JUST GAVE YOU.

25 MS. [REDACTED] IT MUST NOT BE THE SAME.

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1 THE COURT: OKAY, SO IT COULD BE SOMEONE
2 DIFFERENT?

3 MS. [REDACTED] YES, SIR.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THIS
5 FACT WITH ANYONE IN THE JURY ROOM?

6 MS. [REDACTED] NO, JUST --

7 THE COURT: OTHER THAN THE BAILIFF ANY OF THE
8 OTHER JURORS HAVE YOU MENTIONED THIS TO ANY OF THE OTHER
9 JURORS?

10 MS. [REDACTED] TO ONE PERSON.

11 THE COURT: AND WHAT DID YOU ---

12 MS. [REDACTED] I THOUGHT I MIGHT KNOW HIM.

13 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, BUT ARE YOU TELLING
14 ME NOW THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW HIM?

15 MS. [REDACTED] I DO NOT. I WASN'T, I NEVER, I
16 DON'T KNOW HIS FACE. I JUST KNOW THAT THE FRIEND OF MINE
17 HER KIDS FATHER'S NICKNAME IS BARLEY.

18 THE COURT: OKAY.

19 MS. [REDACTED] THEY USE THE NICKNAME. I WASN'T
20 SURE IF THAT WAS HIM OR NOT.

21 THE COURT: WELL LET ME ASK YOU THIS, WOULD THE
22 FACT THAT FACT AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO GIVE A FAIR AND
23 IMPARTIAL TRIAL TO BOTH THE STATE AND THE DEFENDANT IN THIS
24 CASE?

25 MS. [REDACTED] SINCE HE SAYS HE'S NOT THAT PERSON.

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1 THE COURT: IT WOULD OR WOULD NOT AFFECT YOUR
2 ABILITY?

3 MS. [REDACTED] I DON'T THINK IT WOULD.

4 THE COURT: OKAY, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR HONESTY,
5 BUT THE ATTORNEYS AND THE PARTIES NEED TO BE SURE THAT
6 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE INFLUENCED BY ANY OUTSIDE
7 CONSIDERATION AND THAT YOUR DECISION IN THIS CASE WOULD BE
8 BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE IN THIS
9 CASE AND THAT'S WHAT I'VE GOT TO BE CERTAIN OF IS THAT
10 YOU'RE NOT INFLUENCED BY ANYTHING OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM,
11 AND IF YOU ARE THAT'S FINE, I JUST NEED TO KNOW IT. THAT'S
12 THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE TO DETERMINE. LIKE I SAY IF YOU
13 ARE OR IF YOU'RE NOT THAT'S FINE, IF YOU ARE INFLUENCED
14 THAT'S FINE. WE JUST NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE INFLUENCED BY
15 ANY OUTSIDE CONSIDERATION.

16 MS. [REDACTED] I THINK I COULD BE FAIR.

17 THE COURT: OKAY, NOW THERE AGAIN I APPRECIATE
18 YOU SAYING YOU THINK YOU COULD BE FAIR BUT I NEED TO KNOW
19 THAT YOU WILL BE FAIR TO BOTH PARTIES AND THAT YOU'RE NOT
20 GOING TO BE INFLUENCED BY ANYTHING THAT TRANSPIRED OR HAS
21 TRANSPIRED OUTSIDE THIS TRIAL.

22 MS. [REDACTED] HONESTLY I DON'T THINK SO.

23 THE COURT: YOU DON'T? OKAY, ALL RIGHT, I
24 APPRECIATE, I APPRECIATE YOUR HONESTY. I THINK WHAT WE
25 NEED TO DO IS THEN SEAT ONE OF THE ALTERNATES; IS THAT

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1 AGREEABLE?

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, YOUR HONOR.

3 MS. BAILEY: THE STATE HAS NO OBJECTION.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT I
5 THINK WE JUST, LET'S SEE ON THIS ONE WE HAVE TO DRAW IT AT
6 RANDOM UNLIKE A CIVIL CASE WHERE YOU SEAT THEM IN ORDER WE
7 NEED TO DRAW THEM AT RANDOM, CORRECT? OKAY.

8 MS. BAILEY: THE STATE HAS AGREES.

9 THE COURT: I THINK IF I RECALL THE LAW IT'S IF
10 YOU SEAT AN ALTERNATE YOU JUST DRAW IT BY LOT. ALL RIGHT,
11 SO THE ALTERNATES ARE JUROR NUMBER 58, [REDACTED], AND
12 JUROR NUMBER 283, [REDACTED].

13 ALL RIGHT, NOW LET ME ASK YOU, MS. [REDACTED] DO YOU
14 RECALL WHICH JUROR YOU SPOKE WITH?

15 MS. [REDACTED] YES.

16 THE COURT: OKAY, AND WHO WAS THAT?

17 MS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

18 THE COURT: [REDACTED], HAVE YOU DISCUSSED IT
19 WITH ANYONE ELSE?

20 MS. [REDACTED] NO.

21 THE COURT: AND WHAT DID YOU TELL MR. [REDACTED]?

22 MS. [REDACTED] WHEN I CAME BACK IN I SAID I THINK
23 I MAY KNOW WHO THAT IS.

24 THE COURT: AND THAT'S ALL YOU SAID?

25 MS. [REDACTED] THAT'S ALL I SAID.

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1 THE COURT: OKAY, DID YOU GIVE ANY INDICATION TO
2 MR. [REDACTED] ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNEW
3 HIM IN A GOOD LIGHT OR A BAD LIGHT?

4 MS. [REDACTED] NO.

5 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, ANY NEED TO
6 QUESTION MR. [REDACTED]?

7 MS. BAILEY: NOT FROM THE STATE.

8 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, IN AN ABUNDANCE OF
9 CAUTION I JUST THINK WE REALLY SHOULD.

10 THE COURT: OKAY.

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: JUST A PRELIMINARY PRECAUTION.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, MA'AM, I'M
13 GOING TO GO AHEAD AND EXCUSE YOU. YOU'RE FREE TO GO AND
14 DON'T, DON'T WORRY, DON'T THINK YOU'VE DONE ANYTHING WRONG
15 OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE. A LOT OF THIS IS JUST
16 PRECAUTIONARY STUFF TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY BOTH THE STATE
17 AND THE DEFENSE GET A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIAL. YOU SHOULD
18 HAVE BEEN GIVEN A NUMBER, A PHONE NUMBER THAT YOU'LL NEED
19 TO CALL BACK AFTER 6 P.M. TODAY AND THAT WILL GIVE YOU
20 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHEN YOU NEED TO RETURN, OKAY?
21 ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE AND I WANT
22 TO THANK YOU FOR THAT, OKAY?

23 ALL RIGHT, HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING IN THERE YOU
24 NEED TO PICK UP? OKAY, WELL YOU'RE FREE TO GO, YOU CAN GO
25 AHEAD AND GO BACK THAT WAY.

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1 LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING MR. [REDACTED] OUT HERE RIGHT
2 QUICK PLEASE.

3 (WHEREUPON, JUROR NUMBER 7 ENTERS THE COURTROOM.)

4 THE COURT: MR. [REDACTED]?

5 MR. [REDACTED] YES, SIR.

6 THE COURT: OKAY, AND THE ONLY REASON WE'RE
7 CALLING YOU OUT HERE IS MS. [REDACTED] WHO IS ONE OF THE JURORS
8 THOUGHT THAT SHE MAY HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NAME OF THE
9 DEFENDANT AND THAT SHE MAY HAVE MENTIONED THAT TO YOU; IS
10 THAT CORRECT?

11 MR. [REDACTED] SHE DID.

12 THE COURT: OKAY, DID HER DISCUSSION OF THE
13 DEFENDANT OR ANYTHING SHE SAY TO YOU AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO
14 GIVE BOTH THE STATE AND THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE A FAIR
15 AND IMPARTIAL TRIAL?

16 MR. [REDACTED] NO, THE ONLY THING SHE TOLD ME THAT
17 SHE THOUGHT SHE KNOW HIM.

18 THE COURT: OKAY, AND THAT WAS IT?

19 MR. [REDACTED] YES.

20 THE COURT: DID SHE SAY THAT TO YOU IN A GOOD
21 LIGHT, BAD LIGHT, OR INDIFFERENT LIGHT?

22 MR. [REDACTED] WHEN SHE CAME IN AND SHE TOLD ME HER
23 SINUS WAS PLUGGED UP AND SHE GOT TO THINK I KNOW THAT GUY.

24 THE COURT: AND THAT'S ALL SHE SAID?

25 MR. [REDACTED] THAT'S IT.

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WOULD THAT AFFECT YOUR
2 ABILITY IN ANY WAY TO BE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TO BOTH
3 PARTIES?

4 MR. [REDACTED] NO, SIR.

5 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH. YOU CAN RETURN TO THE JURY ROOM, THANK YOU.

7 (WHEREUPON, JUROR NUMBER 7 RETIRED TO THE JURY
8 ROOM.)

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WHO DO WE WANT TO CHOOSE
10 THE JUROR, ALTERNATE JUROR?

11 ALL RIGHT, MS. BABB, YOU WANT TO REACH UP HERE
12 AND PICK ONE OF THESE OUT?

13 (WHEREUPON, AN ALTERNATE JUROR IS DRAWN RANDOMLY
14 FROM A CUP BY THE COURT REPORTER.)

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SHE SELECTED JUROR NUMBER
16 283, [REDACTED] WHO WILL NOW BE SEATED. ALL RIGHT,
17 ANYTHING FROM THE STATE BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY BACK IN?

18 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING FURTHER REGARDING THE JURY,
19 YOUR HONOR.

20 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
22 HONOR.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING
24 THE JURY BACK IN.

25 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT

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1 4:04 P.M.)

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
3 WELCOME BACK, DURING THE BREAK WE TOOK CARE OF SEVERAL
4 LEGAL MATTERS. ONE OF THE LEGAL MATTERS WAS WE HAD TO
5 EXCUSE ONE OF THE JURORS THAT WAS SITTING ON THE JURY. IT
6 WAS NOTHING IMPROPER OR NOTHING WRONG WAS DONE BUT JUST AS
7 A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE WE DID EXCUSE MS. [REDACTED]. WE HAVE
8 NOW SEATED MS. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE
9 JURY.

10 MS. [REDACTED], ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN STAY IN THAT SEAT
11 BUT NEXT TIME WHEN WE BREAK IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE, JUST HAVE
12 A SEAT WITH THE REGULAR JURY AND YOU'RE NO LONGER REQUIRED
13 TO SIT IN THE ALTERNATE CHAIR, OKAY? ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU
14 VERY MUCH.

15 NOW ALSO DURING THE BREAK I HAVE RULED AND
16 QUALIFIED THIS WITNESS MARIBETH BURROUGHS AS AN EXPERT IN
17 THE FIELD OF FORENSIC CHEMISTRY. NOW ORDINARILY A WITNESS
18 CANNOT RENDER AN OPINION. A WITNESS CAN ONLY TESTIFY AS TO
19 WHAT THEY PERSONALLY KNOW, IN OTHER WORDS WHAT THEY SAW,
20 WHAT THEY SMELLED, WHAT THEY FELT, OR WHAT THEY HEARD,
21 THINGS OF THAT NATURE, HOWEVER AN EXCEPTION UNDER THE RULE
22 OF LAW IS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE QUALIFIED AS EXPERTS. PEOPLE
23 WHO THROUGH EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE HAVE GAINED SOME
24 TYPE OF EXPERTISE IN A PARTICULAR FIELD WHETHER IT BE A
25 SCIENCE, AN ART, OR A PROFESSION OR SOMETHING OF THAT

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1 NATURE THEY ARE QUALIFIED AS EXPERTS AND ALL THAT MEANS IS
2 THEY ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE AN OPINION IN THAT FIELD FOR WHICH
3 THEY ARE QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME
4 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON EXPERT TESTIMONY WHEN I CHARGE YOU
5 ON THE LAW BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY FOR THE TIME BEING ALL
6 THIS MEANS IS THAT THIS WITNESS MS. BURROUGHS WILL BE
7 ALLOWED TO RENDER AN OPINION IN THE FIELD OF FORENSIC
8 CHEMISTRY.

9 ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY?

10 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

11 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

12 Q WHEN YOU'RE PRESENTED WITH WHAT PURPORTS TO
13 BE AN ILLEGAL NARCOTIC WHAT TYPES OF TEST DO YOU RUN ON IT?

14 A I RUN A PRELIMINARY TEST AND A CONFIRMATORY
15 TEST.

16 Q AND DURING THAT, SO YOU RUN THE SAME TEST
17 TWICE; IS THAT RIGHT?

18 A NO, THE PRELIMINARY TEST IN THIS CASE WAS A
19 COLOR TEST OR A CHEMICAL TEST AND THE CONFIRMATORY TEST WAS
20 THE GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY MASS SPECTROSCOPY.

21 Q NOW IN THAT PRELIMINARY TEST CAN YOU
22 EXPLAIN TO US HOW THAT WORKED?

23 A YES, I TOOK A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE SAMPLE
24 AND PLACED IN AN AGENT, MAY I REFER TO MY NOTES, PLEASE?

25 Q YES.

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1 A ALL RIGHT, THIS PARTICULAR COLOR TEST WAS
2 TWO STEPS AND WHEN I PLACED THE SUBSTANCE IN THE AGENT
3 THERE WAS A LIGHT BLUE COLOR REACTION AND IN THE SECOND
4 STEP THERE WAS A BRIGHT BLUE SO THAT CONCLUSION LED ME TO
5 THE CONFIRMATORY TEST WHICH AGAIN WAS GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY
6 MASS SPECTROSCOPY.

7 Q NOW IN THAT PRELIMINARY TEST WHAT IS IT
8 THAT MAKES IT TURN COLORS?

9 A JUST THE REACTION OF THE CHEMICALS, IT'S
10 COBALT THIOCYANATE AND A STANDICE CHLORIDE REACTION. IT IS
11 NOT EXCLUSIVE TO COCAINE BUT IT JUST KIND OF NARROWS THE
12 FIELD BUT THAT'S WHY ANOTHER TEST IS DONE. IT'S NOT --

13 Q IF THIS WAS BABY POWDER WOULD IT HAVE
14 TURNED THAT COLOR?

15 A I CAN'T SAY DEFINITELY NOT BUT THAT'S WHY
16 WE RUN A CONFIRMATORY TEST.

17 Q AND WHAT HAPPENS IN A CONFIRMATORY TEST?

18 A IN THE CONFIRMATORY TEST THE RESULTS THAT I
19 GET A STANDARD IS RUN SO I RAN A STANDARD OF KNOWN COCAINE
20 COMPARE THAT TO THE RESULTS THAT I GOT FROM RUNNING THE
21 SAMPLE AND THEY WERE ALIKE, THEREFORE, I CONFIRMED THAT IT
22 WAS COCAINE BASE.

23 Q AND IF YOU HAD PERFORMED THAT TEST AND THE
24 SUBSTANCE WAS PARMESAN CHEESE WOULD IT HAVE COME OUT WITH
25 THE SAME RESULT OR WOULD IT HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT RESULT?

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1 A IT WOULD HAVE A DIFFERENT RESULT. EVERY
2 COMPONENT HAS A UNIQUE SPECTRUM, THEREFORE, IT, IT WOULD
3 NOT HAVE BEEN THE SAME RESULT.

4 Q OKAY, NOW YOU MENTIONED THAT THE STANDARD
5 IS COCAINE, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COCAINE AND
6 COCAINE BASE?

7 A COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE IS MORE OF THE POWDER
8 FORM AND COCAINE BASE IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS CRACK. IT'S
9 MORE OF A ROCK FORM AND THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE IS COCAINE
10 BASE OR CRACK HAS A LOWER MELTING POINT SO THAT'S, THAT'S
11 THE MAIN DIFFERENCE.

12 Q OKAY, AND YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU HAVE TO
13 HEAT THE SUBSTANCE, DOES IT EVER HAPPEN THAT, THAT A
14 SUBSTANCE LOOKS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT AFTER YOUR TESTS ARE
15 DONE WITH IT?

16 A WELL THE, THE AMOUNT THAT I USE THAT IS,
17 IT'S DESTROYED BASICALLY. I MEAN IT CANNOT BE, IT'S
18 VAPORIZED, THEREFORE, IT'S NOT A POWDER ANYMORE. IT'S,
19 IT'S GONE BASICALLY.

20 Q OKAY, SO YOU END UP DESTROYING A LITTLE BIT
21 OF IT?

22 A YES, I DO.

23 Q OKAY, AS PART OF YOUR TEST DID YOU WEIGH
24 THE AMOUNT OF THE SUBSTANCE?

25 A YES, THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENS.

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1 Q DO YOU DO THAT BEFORE THE DESTRUCTIVE TEST?

2 A YES.

3 Q OKAY, AND EVEN WITH A DESTRUCTIVE TEST IN
4 ORDER TO GET THE SAMPLE OUT OF WHAT IS PROVIDED TO YOU DO
5 YOU HAVE TO ALTER WHAT'S GIVEN TO YOU SOMETIMES, CHIP OFF
6 PART OF IT?

7 A YES, I WILL TAKE A SMALL AMOUNT OF THAT
8 SUBSTANCE.

9 Q OKAY, NOW FOR THE COURT'S INFORMATION I'M
10 HANDING UP WHAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION
11 ONLY STATE'S EXHIBITS 1 AND 2, WOULD YOU TAKE A LOOK AT
12 THOSE FOR A MINUTE? DO YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE?

13 A YES, I DO.

14 Q WHAT ARE THOSE?

15 A THESE ARE HEAT SEALED POUCHES CONTAINING
16 THE BEST KIT WHICH CONTAINED THE EVIDENCE THAT I WAS GIVEN
17 AND THEY EACH CONTAINED A ZIPLOC BAG CONTAINING ROCK
18 SUBSTANCE.

19 Q OKAY, AND DO YOU KNOW IF THESE ARE THE ONES
20 FROM, FROM THIS PARTICULAR CASE AND THE ONE THAT YOU
21 TESTED?

22 A YES.

23 Q AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE TALKING
24 ABOUT THE SAME MATERIAL?

25 A I KNOW THAT BECAUSE THE LAB NUMBERS MATCH

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1 UP WITH THE LABELS WITH MY REPORT AND ALSO THE BEST KIT
2 NUMBER THEY'RE TWO SETS OF NUMBERS AND MY INITIALS ARE ALSO
3 ON THE BAGS AND ON THE HEAT SEALED POUCHES AS WELL.

4 Q SO YOU'VE GOT INITIALS, A SEAL, AND ANOTHER
5 STICKER; IS THAT RIGHT, ALL OF THOSE TELL YOU THAT IT'S THE
6 SAME DRUGS?

7 A YES.

8 Q OKAY, AND THIS SMALL POUCH IN THE BACK OF
9 EACH OF THESE, ARE THERE SOME MARKINGS ON THERE?

10 A YES, I HAND WROTE THE LAB NUMBERS AND ALSO
11 MY INITIALS ON THE ZIPLOC BAGS CONTAINING THE ROCK
12 SUBSTANCE.

13 Q AND WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF DOING THAT?

14 A JUST FOR IDENTIFICATION.

15 Q OKAY, AND DO YOU ACTUALLY, ARE YOU THE ONE
16 THAT UNSEALS THE BEST BAG?

17 A YES.

18 Q OKAY, AND SO AFTER YOU UNSEAL THE BEST BAG
19 HOW DO YOU HANDLE THE MATERIALS?

20 A AFTER I UNSEAL IT I RECORD WHAT WAS IN THE
21 BAG ON MY WORK SHEET. I WEIGH IT AND THEN I BEGIN WITH MY
22 TESTING AND THEN WHATEVER I DON'T USE I'LL PLACE BACK IN
23 THE PACKAGING IF IT IS SEALABLE, IF NOT I USE MY OWN BAG,
24 IN THIS CASE THEY WERE SEALABLE ZIPLOC BAGS, AND THEN I
25 PLACE THE EVIDENCE IN THE BEST KIT IN THIS HEAT SEALED

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1 POUCH, INITIAL IT, AND DATE IT AND THEN I PLACE IT IN OUR
2 EVIDENCE VAULT.

3 Q NOW IS IT POSSIBLE WHEN THESE DRUGS ARE IN
4 YOUR LAB DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ACCESS TO THEM OTHER THAN
5 YOU?

6 A THE OTHER CHEMISTS HAVE ACCESS TO OUR
7 VAULT.

8 Q AND HOW MANY CHEMISTS ARE THERE?

9 A THERE ARE EIGHT CHEMISTS.

10 Q OKAY, SO ANYBODY OTHER THAN THOSE EIGHT
11 CHEMISTS, DO THEY DO THE SAME THING YOU DO?

12 A THEY DO, OUR LIEUTENANT ALSO HAS ACCESS.

13 Q OKAY, ANYBODY OTHER THAN THAT?

14 A NO.

15 Q SO NOBODY OTHER THAN THOSE EIGHT CHEMISTS
16 AND ONE LIEUTENANT CAN GET IN AND ACCESS THESE DRUGS; IS
17 THAT CORRECT?

18 A CORRECT.

19 Q OKAY, AND WERE THEY ALL, IN THIS PARTICULAR
20 CASE IN THESE TWO CASES WERE THESE DRUGS ALTERED OR CHANGED
21 IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN THE WAY THAT YOU'VE DESCRIBED DURING
22 TO YOUR TESTING WHILE THEY WERE IN YOUR POSSESSION?

23 A NO.

24 Q OKAY, AND WHEN THEY CAME TO YOU WAS THE
25 BEST BAG SEALED SHUT?

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1 A IT WAS SEALED.

2 Q OKAY, SO IT STILL HAD, DID IT HAVE THIS
3 GRADE SEAL INTACT?

4 A IT DID AND ALSO BEFORE I OPEN THE BEST BAG
5 I ALWAYS EXAMINE IT TO SEE IF IT HAS BEEN OPENED AND I
6 WRITE OKAY IF IT HAD NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH SO THAT'S HOW I
7 KNOW THAT IT WAS OKAY.

8 Q OKAY, AND FROM WHAT YOU OBSERVED, NOW YOU,
9 YOU TEST THE COCAINE AND CRACK COCAINE; IS THAT RIGHT?

10 A YES.

11 Q AND CRACK COCAINE IS THE SAME THING AS
12 COCAINE BASE; IS THAT RIGHT?

13 A YES.

14 Q OKAY, AND FROM WHAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED TODAY
15 LOOKING AT THESE IS THIS CONSISTENT WITH COCAINE BASE OR
16 CRACK COCAINE?

17 A IT IS.

18 Q OKAY, AND WOULD POWDER COCAINE LOOK
19 DIFFERENT FROM THAT?

20 A YES, IN THIS CASE IT, THE SUBSTANCE IS
21 FINELY CRUSHED SO, YOU KNOW, AT THIS POINT IT DOES LOOK
22 LIKE A POWDERY SUBSTANCE BUT BASED ON MY TESTING IT IS
23 COCAINE BASE.

24 Q OKAY, SO YOU MADE NOTES AT THE TIME THAT
25 THE DRUGS WERE IN YOUR POSSESSION THAT IT WAS ROCK LIKE AT

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1 THAT TIME?

2 A YES, BUT AFTER THE HANDLING AND, AND WHAT
3 NOT IT, IT COULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED.

4 Q OKAY, IS IT COMMON, I MEAN IN YOUR
5 EXPERIENCE THAT, THAT SOMETIMES THE ROCK LIKE SUBSTANCE
6 GETS A LITTLE GROUND UP?

7 A YES.

8 MS. BAILEY: AT THIS TIME THE STATE WOULD MOVE,
9 WOULD LIKE TO MOVE STATE'S EXHIBITS 1 AND 2 INTO EVIDENCE?

10 THE COURT: ANY OBJECTION?

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE
12 DEFENSE, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, STATE'S EXHIBITS NUMBER 1
14 AND NUMBER 2 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE WITHOUT OBJECTION.

15 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBITS NUMBER 1 AND 2
16 ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE.)

17 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

18 Q SO IN THE BEST BAGS THAT CAME TO YOU THAT
19 WERE FROM THE CASE OF QUENTIN J. HOLT THAT WAS ASSIGNED A
20 LAB NUMBER BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION INSIDE OF
21 THOSE BEST BAGS WERE TWO SMALL BAGS AND WHAT DEFINITELY
22 DID THE TEST COME BACK AS AFTER TESTING THEM?

23 A OKAY, FOR EACH THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT
24 CASES, THE FIRST ONE WAS COCAINE BASE OR CRACK FOUND .48
25 GRAMS; AND THE SECOND WAS COCAINE BASE OR CRACK FOUND .44

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1 GRAMS.

2 MS. BAILEY: NO OTHER QUESTIONS.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT, CROSS
4 EXAMINATION?

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: PLEASE THE COURT, YOUR HONOR?

6 THE COURT: YES, SIR.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

9 Q MS. BURROUGHS, ON YOUR, TELL ME THIS WHAT
10 DOES BEST STAND FOR?

11 A BEST EVIDENCE SAMPLING SAMPLE TESTING.

12 Q DOES ONLY THE TECHNICIANS KNOW THAT?

13 A ONLY ---

14 Q THAT KNOW WHAT THAT ACRONYM MEANS CAUSE I
15 ASKED EVERYBODY AND YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON THAT KNOWS WHAT
16 IT MEANS?

17 A I'M UNAWARE.

18 Q OKAY, ALL RIGHT, YOU SAID TO DETERMINE
19 WHETHER OR NOT IT'S CRACK YOU'VE GOT TO MELT SOMETHING,
20 RIGHT, CAUSE IT HAS A LITTLE MELTING POINT THAN POWDER,
21 RIGHT?

22 A NO, SIR, I, I SAID THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
23 BETWEEN, ONE OF THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COCAINE AND
24 COCAINE BASE IS THAT IT HAS A LOWER MELTING POINT BUT THAT
25 DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT, WITH MY ANALYSIS.

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1 Q WHAT DID YOU DO TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT IT
2 WAS COCAINE BASE CRACK OR POWDER COCAINE, WHAT SPECIFICALLY
3 DO YOU DO?

4 A I PERFORMED A PHYSICAL TEST BASED ON
5 SOLUBILITY. POWDER COCAINE IS INSOLUBLE AND HEX ANE SO,
6 THEREFORE, IF IT WAS POWDER COCAINE THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN
7 NO RESULT, SO THE FACT THAT I DID RECEIVE A RESULT TELLS ME
8 THAT IT IS COCAINE BASE CRACK BECAUSE I USED A HEX ANE
9 EXTRACTION SO THAT ON MY REPORT WHERE I MARKED PHYSICAL
10 TEST THAT IS WHAT, THAT'S WHAT WE USE TO DETERMINE THE
11 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COCAINE AND COCAINE BASE.

12 Q THIS HEX ANE YOU SAID SINCE IT'S INSOLUBLE
13 I ASSUME IT WAS HEX ANE A LIQUID, RIGHT?

14 A IT IS.

15 Q WHAT COLOR IS IT?

16 A IT'S CLEAR.

17 Q LIKE THIS, LIKE WATER?

18 A YES, IT'S CLEAR.

19 Q OKAY, AND SO YOU, I ASSUME YOU TAKE A
20 LITTLE BIT OF THE SUSPECT SUBSTANCE PUT IT IN THERE AND IF
21 IT DISSOLVES IT'S CRACK?

22 A NO.

23 Q WHAT IS IT?

24 A WELL DO YOU WANT ME TO GO THROUGH --

25 Q YEAH, PLEASE?

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1 A OKAY, I PUT A LITTLE SAMPLE OF THE
2 SUBSTANCE IN A TEST TUBE, PUT HEX ANE IN IT ABOUT MAYBE
3 THIS MUCH HEX ANE. I VORTEX IT WHICH IT SPINS IT AROUND A
4 LOT THEN I PLACE IT IN A GLASS VIAL AND CAP IT. THEN THAT
5 IS PLACED IN OUR INSTRUMENT WHICH IS THE GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY
6 MASS SPECTROSCOPY. A NEEDLE IS INJECTED AND PULLS OUT JUST
7 A TINY BIT OF THAT LIQUID AND THEN THE PROCESS HAPPENS AND
8 THEN A SPECTRUM IS PRODUCED AND LIKE I SAID IF IT WAS
9 COCAINE THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO SPECTRUM. IT JUST WOULD
10 HAVE BEEN BLANK BECAUSE COCAINE WILL NOT SHOW UP IF THERE'S
11 AN HEX ANE EXTRACTION. WELL IN THIS CASE THERE WAS A
12 SPECTRUM PRODUCED, THEREFORE, I KNOW THAT IT WAS COCAINE
13 BASED.

14 Q WHAT DID YOU DO, WHAT PRECAUTIONS DO YOU
15 TAKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HEX ANE ISN'T CONTAMINATED?
16 WHEN WE'RE AT HOME IF WE LEAVE THE TOP OFF THE PEROXIDE
17 IT'S MESSED UP ---

18 A RIGHT.

19 Q WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR LAB TO MAKE SURE IT
20 DOESN'T GET THAT WAY?

21 A WELL OUR BOTTLES ARE PLACED UNDER A HOOD
22 AND THEY ARE TIGHTLY CAPPED AND ALSO IF THERE WAS SOME SORT
23 OF CONTAMINATION IT WOULD SHOW UP IN THE SPECTRUM AND IF
24 THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT LOOKED DIRTY OR NOT RIGHT THEN WE
25 WOULD RUN IT AGAIN.

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1 Q OKAY, NOW AND THIS DEVICE YOU USE, I'M
2 USUALLY GOOD AT TALKING BUT I CAN'T PRONOUNCE IT, YOU SAID
3 IT'S A MASS WHAT NOW?

4 A MASS SPECTROSTOPHER [SIC], MASS, SORRY, THE
5 PROCESS IS GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY MASS SPECTROSCOPY.

6 Q AND THIS IS A MACHINE, RIGHT?

7 A IT'S AN INSTRUMENT.

8 Q INSTRUMENT?

9 A YES.

10 Q AND IT HAS TO BE TUNED, DOES IT NOT?

11 A WE TUNE ONCE A WEEK AT THAT TIME, YES.

12 Q OKAY, SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TODAY TO SHOW THE
13 JURY THAT THAT DEVICE WAS TUNED WHEN YOU TESTED THIS
14 SUBSTANCE?

15 A TODAY I DO NOT HAVE A TUNE, IT IS
16 ELECTRONICALLY STORED IN OUR LAB WHICH I CAN PRODUCE BUT I
17 DO NOT HAVE THAT TODAY.

18 Q OKAY, SO IS IT POSSIBLE THEN, WHAT'S TO SAY
19 IT WAS OFF? IT WASN'T TUNED RIGHT, SOMEBODY BUMPED IT,
20 SPILLED SOME, IT'S AROUND 4TH OF JULY, SOME MUSTARD ON IT
21 OR SOMETHING COULD YOU GET A FALSE POSITIVE?

22 A NO.

23 Q IF IT'S TUNED WRONG YOU'RE STILL GOING TO
24 GET AN ACCURATE RESULT?

25 A WELL IF THE TUNE WAS OFF WE WOULD, WE WOULD

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1 DO MAINTENANCE, WE WOULD NOT RUN ANY SAMPLES.

2 Q WELL HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT'S OFF UNLESS YOU
3 TUNE IT?

4 A WE TUNE IT ONCE A WEEK AND BASED ON THE
5 RESULTS FROM THAT TUNE WE EITHER GO FORWARD WITH ANALYSIS
6 OR LEAVE IT TO MAINTENANCE.

7 Q BUT THERE'S NO WAY OF YOU SHOWING OTHER
8 THAN YOU TELLING THE JURY HAVING THEM TAKE YOU AT FACE
9 VALUE?

10 A RIGHT, WELL I HAVE THE EVIDENCE IN THE LAB
11 THAT'S, IT'S IN OUR LAB IF YOU WOULD LIKE IT PROVIDED.

12 Q WELL WE NEED IT TODAY SO THE ONLY THING WE
13 HAVE TODAY IS YOUR WORD, RIGHT?

14 A YES, UNLESS YOU WOULD LIKE IT FAXED.

15 Q OKAY, WELL LET'S ASSUME THAT IT'S NOT TUNED
16 RIGHT, CAN YOU GET A FALSE RESULT?

17 A I DO NOT KNOW BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T TUNED
18 PROPERLY I WOULDN'T HAVE USED IT.

19 Q BUT HOLD ON NOW LET'S SAY SOMEBODY DIDN'T
20 DO WHAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED, DO YOU DO THE TUNING OR DOES
21 SOMEONE ELSE DO THE TUNING?

22 A I SHARE AN INSTRUMENT WITH ANOTHER CHEMIST
23 AND WE BOTH, WHOEVER COMES IN FIRST ON MONDAY WILL DO IT
24 SO.

25 Q OKAY, WELL LET'S SAY YOU DID COME IN FIRST?

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1 A OKAY.

2 Q YOU KNOW, I'M SAYING, MS. BURROUGHS, THE
3 TURN ABOUT TUNING BUT IT'S NOT YOUR TIME TO TUNE IT AND
4 LET'S SAY JEFF, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OTHER GUY'S NAME IS
5 JEFF, JEFF WAS KIND OF LAZY AND JEFF JUST SAYS, YEAH,
6 MARIBETH, I TUNED IT. IF YOU, IT'S NOT TUNED RIGHT CAN YOU
7 GET A FALSE RESULT?

8 A I REALLY, I'M NOT SURE ABOUT A FALSE
9 POSITIVE.

10 Q SO ARE YOU SUGGESTING TO THE JURY THAT THIS
11 DEVICE IS INFALLIBLE?

12 A NO, SIR, I'M NOT. I JUST, I HAVE NEVER RUN
13 THE INSTRUMENT IN ANALYSIS WHEN IT'S NOT TUNED PROPERLY
14 BECAUSE IN OUR POLICY IF THE TUNE DOES NOT MEET THE
15 SPECIFICATIONS THEN WE DO MAINTENANCE AND THEN --

16 Q WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DID MAINTENANCE
17 ON IT PRIOR TO THIS TEST?

18 A I WOULD HAVE TO REFER TO OUR MAINTENANCE
19 LOG, I CANNOT GIVE YOU A SPECIFIC DATE.

20 Q SO YOU DON'T KNOW?

21 A NOT NOW, WELL THE TESTING WAS DONE IN 2009,
22 SO I COULD GO BACK AND LOOK, BUT THEN AGAIN I WOULD HAVE TO
23 CONTACT MY LAB.

24 Q SO YOU DON'T KNOW?

25 A NO, I DON'T KNOW.

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1 Q SO ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT THIS THING IS
2 ALWAYS RIGHT?

3 A SIR?

4 Q HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FALSE, I TELL YOU WHAT,
5 HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FALSE POSITIVE ON ANY, IN ANY RESULT
6 YOU'VE EVER DONE? HANGING AROUND IN THE LAB YOU KNOW THAT
7 NEW SPECIMEN DO YOU HAVE PLAY AROUND AND SOMETIMES DROP
8 STUFF IN HERE AND THAT WILL TURN IT BLUE AS OPPOSED JUST
9 LIKE COCAINE AND WILL BE CLEAR AND YOU GET FALSE POSITIVES?

10 A YES, WITH A PRELIMINARY TEST THAT'S WHY WE
11 DO THE CONFIRMATORY TEST BUT THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
12 A PRELIMINARY TEST. IT'S NOT ALL INCLUSIVE TO COCAINE
13 THAT'S WHY WE PERFORM A CONFIRMATORY TEST WHICH IS THE
14 COCAINE SPECTRUM THAT'S UNIQUE TO COCAINE ONLY. EVERY
15 COMPOUND IN, IN THE WORLD HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE SPECTRUM AND
16 HOW I KNOW IT'S COCAINE I RUN A KNOWN STANDARD THAT I KNOW
17 IS COCAINE FROM A CHEMICAL COMPANY AND COMPARE THOSE TWO
18 SPECTRUMS AND THAT'S HOW I GET MY RESULT.

19 Q DID YOU CLEAN THE LAST TIME BEFORE YOU, I
20 MEAN DID YOU CLEAN IT BEFORE YOU USED IT THIS TIME HERE,
21 LIKE THE LAST TIME YOU USED IT YOU HAD COCAINE DID YOU
22 CLEAN IT OUT AND MAKE SURE IT DIDN'T HAVE ANY RESIDUE IN
23 IT?

24 A WE USE NEW VIALS EVERY, FOR EVERY SAMPLE.

25 Q SO IS THAT A YES YOU CLEANED IT BEFORE YOU

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1 USED IT?

2 A WELL THE ACTUAL INSTRUMENT IT'S A CLOSED
3 ENVIRONMENT SO YOU DON'T OPEN IT UP AND CLEAN IT BUT WE DO
4 USE I MEAN GLOVES EVERY TIME, CLEAN VIALS, CLEAN
5 INSTRUMENTS, SO THAT'S HOW WE KNOW THAT IT'S NOT
6 CONTAMINATED.

7 Q AGAIN BUT YOU HAVE NO WAY OF SHOWING US
8 THAT YOU TUNED IT?

9 A NOT PHYSICALLY HERE, NO, NOT RIGHT NOW.
10 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR WITNESS.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

12 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MS. BAILEY:

14 Q WHEN YOU SAY YOU TUNE IT DO YOU MEAN YOU
15 CHECK ITS CALIBRATION?

16 A YES ---

17 Q I'M NOT A SCIENTIST?

18 A --- BUT IT'S CALLED A TUNE.

19 Q SO TUNING IT IF IT WERE OFF TUNE TUNING IT
20 WOULDN'T FIX IT, IT WOULD JUST TELL YOU THAT IT WAS OFF
21 TUNE?

22 A CORRECT, THEREFORE, WE WOULD KNOW IT WOULD
23 NEED MAINTENANCE IN WHICH WE WILL THEN DO.

24 Q SO IF IT CAME BACK AS OFF TUNE YOU WOULDN'T
25 FIX IT AND THEN CONTINUE TO USE IT INSTEAD YOU WOULD SEND

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1 IT OFF, YOU WOULD SEND IT AWAY FOR MAINTENANCE; IS THAT
2 RIGHT?

3 A IT DEPENDS ON WHAT'S WRONG. SOMETIMES IT
4 COULD BE AS SIMPLE AS TIGHTENING SOMETHING; IT DEPENDS THE
5 LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE THAT IS REQUIRED.

6 Q OKAY, BUT WHEN YOU SAY TUNING THE TUNING
7 ITSELF IS NOT THE MAINTENANCE LIKE ON A PIANO WHEN YOU TUNE
8 A PIANO YOU'RE ACTUALLY ADJUSTING THE PIANO, WHEN YOU TUNE
9 YOUR INSTRUMENT ARE YOU REALLY, IT'S JUST LIKE A DIAGNOSTIC
10 TEST?

11 A RIGHT.

12 Q WOULD THAT BE ACCURATE?

13 A YES.

14 Q OKAY, SO TUNING ITSELF IS NOT GOING TO
15 ALTER THE WAY THE MACHINE WORKS OR THE INSTRUMENT WORKS; IS
16 THAT CORRECT?

17 A CORRECT.

18 Q OKAY, SO IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY THAT YOU OR
19 ONE OTHER PERSON TUNE THIS INSTRUMENT ONCE A WEEK EVERY
20 WEEK; IS THAT RIGHT?

21 A YES.

22 Q SO YOU TEST IT ONCE A WEEK EVERY SINGLE
23 WEEK?

24 A YES.

25 Q AND IS THAT YOUR HABIT, IS THAT YOUR

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1 ROUTINE PRACTICE?

2 A YES.

3 Q OKAY, AND IS THAT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE
4 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION POLICY?

5 A YES.

6 MS. BAILEY: OKAY, NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU MAY STEP DOWN, THANK
8 YOU VERY MUCH.

9 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.

10 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME THE STATE
11 WOULD REQUEST THAT MS. BURROUGHS BE RELEASED FROM HER
12 SUBPOENA SO SHE CAN RETURN TO COLUMBIA.

13 THE COURT: ANY OBJECTION?

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE FREE TO GO, THANK
16 YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY, YOU CAN CALL YOUR
17 NEXT WITNESS.

18 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME THE STATE
19 RESTS.

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET ME SEE THE ATTORNEYS
21 FOR JUST A SECOND.

22 (WHEREUPON, A BENCH CONFERENCE WAS HELD OFF THE
23 RECORD IN THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY, BUT OUT OF THE HEARING
24 OF THE JURY AND THE COURT REPORTER.)

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT

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1 IS 4:30 AND THE STATE HAS RESTED THEIR CASE SO IT'S A GOOD
2 TIME FOR US TO GO AHEAD AND BREAK FOR THE DAY, TO LET YOU
3 GET HOME, HAVE A GOOD NIGHTS REST. PLEASE BE BACK TOMORROW
4 MORNING AT 9:30, WELL LET'S GO AHEAD AND BE BACK AT 9:15 SO
5 WE'LL TRY TO GET STARTED AT 9:30, THAT WILL GIVE YOU AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO GET HERE. HOPEFULLY THEY'LL HAVE SOME
7 COFFEE AND MAYBE A BISCUIT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHEN YOU
8 GET BACK, SO IF YOU'D PLEASE BE BACK IN THE JURY ROOM AT
9 9:15 TOMORROW MORNING AND WE'LL TRY TO GET STARTED RIGHT AT
10 9:30.

11 I CAUTION AGAIN PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS THE CASE
12 WITH ANYONE EVEN AMONG YOURSELVES AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
13 DON'T CONDUCT ANY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, DON'T GO ON
14 THE INTERNET AND TRY TO FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT THE CASE.
15 IF THERE IS ANY NEWS ACCOUNTS PLEASE DON'T LISTEN TO ANY OR
16 TRY TO FIND ANYTHING ON THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT IT.

17 I HOPE YOU HAVE A NICE RESTFUL EVENING AND WE'LL
18 SEE YOU BACK TOMORROW MORNING, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 EVERYONE ELSE PLEASE REMAIN SEATED WHILE THE JURY IS
20 EXCUSED.

21 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY WAS EXCUSED FOR THE EVENING
22 AT 4:30 P.M.)

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT, ANY
24 MOTIONS?

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME THE

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1 DEFENDANT RESPECTFULLY MOVES FOR A DIRECTED VERDICT. WE
2 BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NOT BEEN ENOUGH EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY
3 THE PROSECUTION TO MEET THEIR BURDEN, THEREFORE, WE
4 RESPECTFULLY MOVE FOR A DIRECTED VERDICT.

5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MOTION IS NOTED, I'M
6 GOING TO DENY IT. I THINK THEY'VE PRESENTED ENOUGH CASE,
7 ENOUGH TO AT LEAST GET IT AROUND THE DIRECTED VERDICT,
8 OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9 LET ME GO AHEAD AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I DON'T
10 KNOW WHAT YOUR CLIENT'S DESIRES ARE BUT LET ME GO AHEAD AND
11 QUESTION HIM AND THAT WILL AT LEAST GIVE HIM TIME TO THINK
12 ABOUT OVERNIGHT WHETHER OR NOT HE WISHES TO TESTIFY.

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: IF THE COURT WOULD ALLOW MY
14 CLIENT AND MYSELF HAVE DISCUSSED IT AT LENGTH AND UNLESS HE
15 CHANGES HIS MIND HE'S GOING TO TESTIFY.

16 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, WELL LET ME GO
17 AHEAD AND GIVE HIM THESE INSTRUCTIONS AT THIS POINT IN TIME
18 AND THEN I'LL GO AHEAD AND GIVE HIM THE INSTRUCTIONS AGAIN
19 TOMORROW BUT AT LEAST THIS WILL GIVE HIM, IT'S A NICE BREAK
20 THAT GIVES HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT IT, OKAY.

21 ALL RIGHT, LET'S PUT THE DEFENDANT UNDER OATH,
22 PLEASE.

23 QUENTIN J. HOLT

24 BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SIR, YOUR NAME IS QUENTIN

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1 J. HOLT?

2 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. HOLT, AT THIS TIME

4 I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE

5 AND IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANYTHING I SAY PLEASE LET ME

6 KNOW. IF YOU WANT ME TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING IN MORE DETAIL

7 PLEASE LET ME KNOW; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

8 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

9 THE COURT: OKAY, WE'VE NOW REACHED THE STAGE OF

10 THE TRIAL WHERE YOU MAY PRESENT YOUR DEFENSE. YOU HAVE THE

11 RIGHT TO CLAIM THE PROTECTIONS GIVEN TO YOU BY THE FIFTH

12 AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WHICH STATES IN

13 PART THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE COMPELLED IN ANY CRIMINAL CASE

14 TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST HIMSELF. THIS MEANS THAT YOU

15 CANNOT BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY IN THIS CASE.

16 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TESTIFY ON YOUR OWN BEHALF,

17 HOWEVER NO ONE CAN MAKE YOU TESTIFY. THIS IS A PERSONAL

18 RIGHT AND NO ONE CAN WAIVE THIS RIGHT EXCEPT FOR YOU.

19 IF YOU DECIDE TO TESTIFY YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO

20 THE SAME RULES THAT GOVERN OTHER WITNESSES AND YOU MAY BE

21 EXAMINED AND CROSS EXAMINED ON ANY RELEVANT ISSUE IN THIS

22 CASE.

23 IN ADDITION IF YOU HAVE ANY CONVICTIONS INVOLVING

24 DISHONESTY OR FALSE STATEMENT OR FOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY

25 IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR AND THIS COURT

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1 DETERMINES THAT THE PROBATIVE VALUE OF ADMITTING THE
2 EVIDENCE OUTWEIGHS ITS PREJUDICIAL EFFECT TO YOU THEN THE
3 SOLICITOR MAY BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE YOUR RECORD TO ATTACK
4 YOUR CREDIBILITY.

5 IF YOU DECIDE TO TESTIFY THIS DECISION ON YOUR
6 PART MUST BE FREELY, VOLUNTARILY, AND INTELLIGENTLY MADE,
7 WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROTECTIONS GIVEN TO YOU BY THE FIFTH
8 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE
9 CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR DECISION TO TESTIFY.

10 IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO TESTIFY I WILL INSTRUCT THE
11 JURORS THAT THEY CANNOT GIVE THE FACT THAT YOU DID NOT
12 TESTIFY ANY CONSIDERATION WHATSOEVER AND THAT THERE IS TO
13 BE ABSOLUTELY NO PREJUDICE TO YOU BECAUSE YOU DID NOT
14 TESTIFY. IT IS LEFT ENTIRELY UP TO YOU WHETHER OR NOT YOU
15 TESTIFY.

16 YOU MAY TALK WITH YOUR ATTORNEY, YOUR FAMILY AND
17 FRIENDS, OR ANYONE ELSE BUT THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE LEFT
18 ENTIRELY UP TO YOU; DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'VE EXPLAINED
19 TO YOU?

20 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

21 THE COURT: DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT
22 I'VE EXPLAINED TO YOU?

23 DEFENDANT HOLT: NO, SIR.

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I'M NOT GOING TO ASK YOUR
25 DECISION AT THIS POINT IN TIME WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO

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1 TESTIFY BECAUSE THIS WILL GIVE YOU OVERNIGHT TO DECIDE
2 ABOUT IT, OKAY, ALL RIGHT, BUT WHEN WE BRING YOU BACK
3 TOMORROW IT WILL BE TIME TO PRESENT A DEFENSE IF YOU CHOOSE
4 TO PRESENT A DEFENSE IN THIS CASE AND SO AT THAT TIME I
5 WILL BE ASKING YOU WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO TESTIFY,
6 OKAY?

7 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
9 ANYTHING FROM THE STATE BEFORE WE BREAK?

10 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO, SIR, NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WHAT IS THE STATE'S
14 POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE DEFENDANT'S BOND?

15 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE IS, IS FINE
16 WITH THE DEFENDANT REMAINING ON BOND AS LONG AS HE'S
17 ADMONISHED THAT THE TRIAL WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW WITH OR
18 WITHOUT HIS ABSENCE AND THERE WILL BE A SEALED SENTENCE IF
19 HE'S CONVICTED TOMORROW.

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, WITHOUT
21 OBJECTION I WILL ALLOW THE DEFENDANT TO GO AHEAD AND COME
22 BACK TOMORROW, IN OTHER WORDS WE WON'T HOLD HIM OVERNIGHT,
23 BUT PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, MR. HOLT, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR
24 THE TRIAL WILL STILL GO FORWARD. A BENCH WARRANT WILL BE
25 ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST, YOU WILL BE CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO

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1 APPEAR IN COURT, AND THEN YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO WHATEVER
2 VERDICT THE JURY RENDERS, OKAY?

3 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

5 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE ALSO REQUESTS
6 THAT THE COURT ADMONISH MR. HOLT THAT NOT, THE STATE WOULD
7 REQUEST THAT MR. HOLT NOT CONTACT EITHER THE CONFIDENTIAL
8 INFORMANT OR THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT'S FAMILY OVERNIGHT
9 IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL.

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WELL THE CONFIDENTIAL
11 INFORMANT IS INCARCERATED SO I'M NOT GOING TO WORRY TOO
12 MUCH ABOUT HIM BUT CERTAINLY THERE'S TO BE NO CONTACT WITH,
13 WHAT'S HIS NAME, MR. LEWIS, MR. LEWIS' FAMILY, OKAY.

14 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

15 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 WE'LL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL 9:30 TOMORROW MORNING. I
18 WANTED THE JURY BACK AT 9:15 SO LET'S TRY TO GET STARTED
19 RIGHT AT 9:30, OKAY.

20 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, THANK YOU.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

22 (WHEREUPON, COURT WAS ADJOURNED FOR THE EVENING
23 AND RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2010 AT 9:15 A.M.)

24 (WHEREUPON, DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS 1, 2, 3, AND 4
25 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

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1 THE COURT: PLEASE STAND UP AND LET'S PUT HIM
2 UNDER OATH AGAIN, PLEASE.

3 QUENTIN J. HOLT

4 BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

5 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. HOLT, I WENT OVER
6 SOME OF THESE RIGHTS WITH YOU YESTERDAY AND I WANT TO GO
7 OVER THEM WITH YOU AGAIN AS I INSTRUCTED YOU YESTERDAY THAT
8 I WOULD. AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU CERTAIN
9 RIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
10 AND IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANYTHING I SAY PLEASE LET ME
11 KNOW. IF YOU WANT ME TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING IN MORE DETAIL
12 PLEASE LET ME KNOW; DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

13 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, NOW AS I TOLD YOU
15 YESTERDAY WE'VE REACHED THE STAGE OF THE TRIAL WHERE YOU
16 MAY PRESENT YOUR DEFENSE IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO.

17 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM THE PROTECTIONS GIVEN
18 YOU BY THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
19 CONSTITUTION WHICH STATES IN PART THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE
20 COMPELLED IN ANY CRIMINAL CASE TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST
21 HIMSELF.

22 THIS MEANS THAT YOU CANNOT BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY
23 IN THIS CASE. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TESTIFY ON YOUR OWN
24 BEHALF, HOWEVER NO ONE CAN MAKE YOU TESTIFY. THIS IS A
25 PERSONAL RIGHT AND NO ONE CAN WAIVE THIS RIGHT EXCEPT FOR

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1 YOU.

2 IF YOU DECIDE TO TESTIFY YOU'LL BE SUBJECT TO THE
3 SAME RULES THAT GOVERN OTHER WITNESSES AND YOU MAY BE
4 EXAMINED AND CROSS EXAMINED ON ANY RELEVANT ISSUE IN THIS
5 CASE.

6 IN ADDITION IF YOU HAVE ANY CONVICTIONS INVOLVING
7 DISHONESTY OR FALSE STATEMENT OR FOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY
8 IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR AND THIS COURT
9 DETERMINES THAT THE PROBATIVE VALUE OF ADMITTING THE
10 EVIDENCE OUTWEIGHS ITS PREJUDICIAL EFFECT TO YOU THEN THE
11 SOLICITOR WILL BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE YOUR RECORD TO ATTACK
12 YOUR CREDIBILITY.

13 IF YOU DECIDE TO TESTIFY THIS DECISION ON YOUR
14 PART MUST BE FREELY, VOLUNTARILY, AND INTELLIGENTLY MADE,
15 WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROTECTIONS GIVEN TO YOU BY THE FIFTH
16 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE
17 CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR DECISION TO TESTIFY.

18 IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO TESTIFY I WILL INSTRUCT THE
19 JURORS THAT THEY CANNOT GIVE THE FACT THAT YOU DID NOT
20 TESTIFY ANY CONSIDERATION WHATSOEVER AND THAT THERE IS TO
21 BE ABSOLUTELY NO PREJUDICE TO YOU BECAUSE YOU DID NOT
22 TESTIFY. IT IS LEFT ENTIRELY UP TO YOU WHETHER OR NOT TO
23 TESTIFY. YOU MAY TALK TO YOUR ATTORNEY, YOUR FAMILY AND
24 FRIENDS, OR ANYONE ELSE, BUT THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE
25 LEFT ENTIRELY UP TO YOU; NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'VE

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1 EXPLAINED TO YOU?

2 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

3 THE COURT: DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT
4 I'VE EXPLAINED TO YOU?

5 DEFENDANT HOLT: NO, SIR.

6 THE COURT: HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH
7 YOUR LAWYER?

8 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, HAVE YOU HAD AN AMPLE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOUR LAWYER?

11 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

12 THE COURT: DO YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO
13 TALK TO YOUR LAWYER ABOUT THIS?

14 DEFENDANT HOLT: NO, SIR.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY IN
16 THIS CASE?

17 DEFENDANT HOLT: YES, SIR.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL
19 RIGHT, ANYTHING FROM THE STATE BEFORE WE BRING IN THE JURY?

20 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, JUST THAT WE WERE IN
21 THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP THIS EQUIPMENT FOR PURPOSES THE
22 DEFENSE HAS BROUGHT SOME DOCUMENTS THIS MORNING WHERE
23 EVERYBODY CAN SEE THE DOCUMENTS WE JUST HAVE A MINUTE OR
24 TWO TO MAKE SURE IT'S WORKING.

25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I MEAN IS IT

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1 SOMETHING THAT YA'LL NEED TO JUST COME GET ME WHEN YOU'RE
2 READY OR CAN WE GO AHEAD AND DO IT RIGHT NOW?

3 ARE WE WAITING ON ANYTHING ELSE?

4 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

5 THE COURT: OKAY, ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE
6 BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY IN?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING
9 IN THE JURY, PLEASE.

10 OKAY, COME ON IN, THANK YOU.

11 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
12 9:59 A.M.)

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
14 WELCOME BACK, I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GOOD RESTFUL EVENING.
15 WE'RE NOW READY TO PROCEED WITH THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE.
16 BEFORE WE DO SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR BEING PROMPT
17 THIS MORNING, THAT MEANS A LOT TO US. AS I TOLD YOU WE
18 DON'T ALWAYS GET TO YOU RIGHT AWAY AND WE HAVE BEEN TENDING
19 TO SOME COURT'S BUSINESS BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING
20 PROMPT.

21 THE STATE CONCLUDED THEIR CASE YESTERDAY AND NOW
22 IS THE TIME IN THE TRIAL WHERE THE DEFENSE CAN PRESENT A
23 DEFENSE IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO. MR. MCKNIGHT, YOU MAY
24 CALL YOUR FIRST WITNESS.

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, MAY IT

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1 PLEASE THE COURT, AT THIS TIME WE CALL MR. QUENTIN HOLT TO
2 THE STAND.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, SIR, IF YOU'D PLEASE COME
4 AROUND.

5 QUENTIN J. HOLT

6 BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

7 MADAM CLERK: PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR
8 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD.

9 THE WITNESS: QUENTIN HOLT.

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

12 Q MR. HOLT, GOOD AFTERNOON, WHERE DO YOU
13 LIVE?

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q WHAT'S YOUR ADDRESS AT [REDACTED]

16 A [REDACTED]

17 Q IT'S [REDACTED] ---

18 A I DIDN'T HEAR YOU, [REDACTED]

19 Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE?

20 A ABOUT OVER A YEAR, ABOUT A YEAR.

21 Q ABOUT A YEAR FROM NOW SO YOU'VE ONLY BEEN
22 LIVING THERE FROM SEPTEMBER 2009 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2010?

23 A UH-UH.

24 Q WELL THEN HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING
25 THERE?

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 A SINCE APRIL OF '09.

2 Q DID YOU BUY THE HOUSE AND MOVE IT THERE?

3 A YES, SIR.

4 Q WHO DID YOU BUY THE HOUSE FROM?

5 A A YOUNG LADY SHANE BRINKLEY.

6 Q YOU BOUGHT THE HOUSE IN APRIL AND MOVED IT
7 THERE?

8 A YES, SIR.

9 Q QUENTIN, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH
10 THE LAW BEFORE?

11 A YES, SIR.

12 Q A LOT OR A LITTLE?

13 A A LITTLE BIT.

14 Q WHEN DID YOU FIRST GET ARRESTED?

15 A 1990, 90, MAYBE SIX.

16 Q HOW OLD WERE YOU THEN?

17 A I WANT TO SAY LIKE ---

18 Q TAKE YOUR TIME, HOW OLD, DO THE MATH AND
19 HOW OLD WERE YOU IN 1996?

20 A SEVENTEEN.

21 Q WERE YOU STILL IN SCHOOL?

22 A YES, SIR.

23 Q THIS ISN'T YOUR FIRST DRUG CHARGE, IS IT?

24 A NO, SIR.

25 Q IN FACT HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN

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1 CONVICTED OF SELLING DRUGS?

2 A ABOUT TWO TIMES.

3 Q AND YOU WENT TO PRISON, DIDN'T YOU?

4 A THE FIRST TIME, YES, SIR.

5 Q THE SECOND TIME YOU WERE ON PROBATION,
6 RIGHT?

7 A YES, SIR.

8 Q ARE YOU PROUD OF THAT FACT?

9 A NO, SIR.

10 Q HAVE YOU TRIED TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE?

11 A YES, SIR.

12 Q WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO TRY TO CHANGE YOUR
13 LIFE?

14 A I STARTED, GOT A JOB, STARTED WORKING, AND
15 BOUGHT THE MOBILE HOME FOR ME AND MY FAMILY.

16 Q WHERE DO YOU WORK?

17 A COASTAL WIRE.

18 Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?

19 A ABOUT TWO YEARS.

20 Q AND WHEN DID YOU START WORKING THERE?

21 A I THINK IT WAS LIKE 2008, SOME PART OF
22 2008.

23 Q SO THAT WOULD BE MORE THAN TWO YEARS, WOULD
24 IT NOT?

25 A YEAH, SOMEWHAT.

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 Q WHAT DO YOU DO AT COASTAL WIRE?

2 A I RUN A WIRE MACHINE.

3 Q OKAY, WHEN YOU RUN A WIRE MACHINE EXACTLY
4 WHAT IS IT?

5 A IT'S LIKE YOU SET THE MACHINE LIKE FOR 100
6 POUND WEIGHTS OF WIRE AND THEN WHEN IT STOPS YOU GOT TO TIE
7 IT OFF, PUT IT ON A CONVEYOR BELT AND SEND IT OFF.

8 Q HOW MUCH DO YOU GET PAID AT THAT JOB?

9 A ELEVEN DOLLARS A HOUR.

10 Q AND WHAT SHIFTS DO YOU WORK?

11 A MORNING, EVENING AND GRAVEYARD.

12 Q AND YOU WORK EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK?

13 A YES, SIR.

14 Q ARE YOU OFF ANY DAYS?

15 A SOMETIMES ON SUNDAYS.

16 Q DO YOU EVER WORK ANY OVERTIME?

17 A YES, SIR.

18 Q HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORK OVERTIME?

19 A A LOT.

20 Q OKAY, A LOT, QUANTIFY A LOT, MOST OF THE
21 WEEK, A LITTLE BIT OF THE WEEK, HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORK
22 OVERTIME?

23 A PROBABLY TWO TIMES EVERY WEEK.

24 Q HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?

25 A THREE.

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1 Q WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES AND WHAT ARE THEIR
2 AGES?

3 A Minor 1 IS 10, Minor 2 IS SEVEN AND Minor 3
4 IS FIVE.

5 Q LET'S DEAL WITH, YOU HEARD THE TESTIMONY,
6 YOU'VE HEARD FROM OFFICER GRANT?

7 A YES, SIR.

8 Q YOU HEARD FROM MR. LEWIS?

9 A YES, SIR.

10 Q DID YOU AT ANY TIME SELL CRACK COCAINE OR
11 IT'S KNOWN AS COCAINE BASE TO JOE LEWIS ON THE 17TH AND THE
12 20TH OF JUNE?

13 A NO, SIR.

14 Q YOU HEARD ME ASK MR. LEWIS ABOUT YOUR
15 KITCHEN, RIGHT?

16 A YES, SIR.

17 Q AND I ASKED HIM WHAT COLOR YOUR KITCHEN
18 WALL WAS, DID I NOT?

19 A YES, SIR.

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: PERMISSION TO APPROACH THE
21 WITNESS, YOUR HONOR?

22 THE COURT: YES, SIR.

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: (CONTINUING)

24 Q I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN PREMARKED
25 AS DEFENSE EXHIBITS 3 AND 4, DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT OBJECT

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1 IN THE PICTURE?

2 A YES, SIR.

3 Q WHAT IS IT?

4 A MY KITCHEN,

5 Q YOUR KITCHEN LOCATED WHERE?

6 A AT [REDACTED]

7 Q AND WHAT COLOR IS THAT KITCHEN WALL?

8 A PINK.

9 Q HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN PINK?

10 A SINCE THE TIME I MOVED IN.

11 Q HAVE YOU PAINTED THAT WALL IN ANY WAY SINCE

12 JUNE 20TH, 2009?

13 A NO, SIR.

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME I MOVE

15 TO ENTER INTO EVIDENCE DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS 3 AND 4, I'M

16 SORRY, DEFENSE EXHIBITS 3 AND 4?

17 THE COURT: ANY OBJECTION?

18 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I'M NOT SURE THAT THE

19 DEFENSE LAWYER HAS PROPERLY AUTHENTICATED AND THAT HE'S

20 REPRESENTED THAT THEY ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION

21 OF HOW THEY WERE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WHAT'S

22 NECESSARY FOR AUTHENTICATION.

23 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, I THINK HE'S

24 AUTHENTICATED IT ENOUGH. I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD OVER THE

25 OBJECTION OF THE STATE I'LL ADMIT DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT

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1 NUMBER 3 AND 4 INTO EVIDENCE.

2 (WHEREUPON, DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS NUMBER 3 AND 4
3 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, WITH YOUR
5 PERMISSION I'D LIKE TO PUBLISH IT TO THE JURY.

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

7 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I DO OBJECT TO THE
8 PUBLICATION OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT. I THINK THAT THE ITEMS
9 THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED AS EXHIBITS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED TO
10 THE JURY NOT THE ELECTRONIC EXHIBIT.

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY, THE
12 SOLICITOR'S OFFICE HAS GONE TO GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT WITH
13 THEIR TECHNOLOGY YESTERDAY AND IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW AND
14 ILLUSTRATE THE PICTURES WHICH ARE CLEAR AND ACCURATE AND
15 PRIOR TO THIS COMING IN SHE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH IT.

16 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
17 THE PRINTED PICTURES IN THE JURY ROOM. I JUST THINK WE
18 SHOULD ALL BE LOOKING AT THE SAME PICTURES.

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND JUST
20 GIVE THEM THE EXHIBIT, WE'LL DO IT THAT WAY.

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU.

22 Q (CONTINUING) NOW ON YOUR WALL YOU'VE GOT
23 PINK FLOWERS AT THE TOP, RIGHT?

24 A YES, SIR.

25 Q AND YOU GOT THE CURTAINS AT THE BOTTOM THAT

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1 KIND OF MATCH WITH THE PINK, RIGHT?

2 A YES, SIR.

3 Q OKAY, NOW YOU HEARD THE TESTIMONY THAT THEY
4 GAVE THAT THIS HAPPENED AT, THAT, YOU KNOW, HE WENT TO
5 GREAT LENGTHS TO DESCRIBE THE FACT THAT HE WENT TO A
6 RESIDENCE, I BELIEVE, WHEN I SAY HE I MEAN MR. LEWIS, THAT
7 HE WENT TO [REDACTED] IS THAT CORRECT, DID YOU
8 HEAR HIM SAY THAT?

9 A YES, SIR.

10 Q HAVE YOU EVER LIVED THERE?

11 A NO, SIR.

12 Q AT ANY TIME?

13 A NO, SIR.

14 Q WHAT'S YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE GOT ON IT?

15 A MY MOTHER'S.

16 Q WHERE'S YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE?

17 A IN THE CAR.

18 Q OKAY, WHAT'S YOUR MAMA'S ADDRESS?

19 A [REDACTED]

20 Q WAS THAT EVER [REDACTED]

21 A NO, SIR.

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: PERMISSION TO APPROACH THE
23 WITNESS, YOUR HONOR?

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: (CONTINUING)

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1 Q I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S BEEN
2 PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS DEFENSE EXHIBIT 1 FOR IDENTIFICATION
3 PURPOSES; WHAT IS THAT?

4 A A PERMIT.

5 Q LOOK AT THE OTHER DOCUMENTS? WHAT'S THE
6 OTHER DOCUMENT BEHIND THE PERMIT?

7 A A BILL OF SALE, AND A BILL OF SALE.

8 Q OKAY, NOW THE DATE ON THE BILL OF SALE IS
9 WHAT?

10 A 6-25-09.

11 Q AND THAT'S AFTER 6-20, IS IT NOT?

12 A YES, SIR.

13 Q BUT YOU WERE ALREADY LIVING IN THE HOUSE;
14 IS THAT RIGHT?

15 A YES, SIR.

16 Q AND WHO DID YOU BUY THE HOUSE FROM?

17 A SHANE BRINKLEY.

18 Q DID YOU GIVE HER THE MONEY PRIOR TO 6-17-
19 2009?

20 A YES, SIR.

21 Q AND DID YOU START LIVING IN THERE PRIOR TO
22 6-17-2009?

23 A YES, SIR.

24 Q SO WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO GET YOUR PAPER
25 WORK READY FOR MS. BRINKLEY.

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1 A THE PAPER WORK WHAT SHE HAD WASN'T CORRECT.

2 Q AND SO WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO DO?

3 A GO TO THE CLERK OF COURT AND WAIT TILL THEY
4 STRAIGHTEN OUT THE PAPER WORK AND PAY SOME MONEY.

5 Q IS THAT A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE
6 BILL OF SALE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOME AND THE MOBILE HOME
7 PERMIT?

8 A YES, SIR.

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE
10 TO MOVE THAT EXHIBIT INTO EVIDENCE AS PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
11 1.

12 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, IT'S HEARSAY. IT'S A
13 BUSINESS RECORD AND NOBODY WHO CREATED THEM AS RECORD OR
14 SIGNED THEM AS RECORD IS HERE TO AUTHENTICATE THE RECORD.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I THINK HE'S IDENTIFIED
16 AS WHAT WAS GIVEN TO HIM AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. I'LL GO
17 AHEAD AND ADMIT DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 1 OVER THE
18 OBJECTION OF THE STATE.

19 (WHEREUPON, DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 1 ENTERED
20 INTO EVIDENCE.)

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: I'M SORRY, YOUR HONOR, WITH YOUR
22 PERMISSION CAN I PUBLISH IT TO THE JURY?

23 THE COURT: YES, THAT WILL BE FINE.

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: (CONTINUING)

25 Q NOW, QUENTIN, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT OFFICER

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 GRANT SAID, THEY SAID YOU WAS AT ---

2 MS. BAILEY: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, THAT'S
3 PITTING THE WITNESS AGAINST OTHER WITNESSES AND ONCE AGAIN
4 THAT'S IMPROPER.

5 THE COURT: LET ME HEAR THE QUESTION FIRST, GO
6 AHEAD AND FINISH THE QUESTION.

7 Q THEY SAID YOU WERE AT WORK ON THE 20TH, I'M
8 SORRY, THEY SAID YOU WERE AT HOME ON THE 20TH AND THAT YOU
9 WERE SELLING DRUGS, WHERE WERE YOU?

10 A AT WORK.

11 Q YOU SURE?

12 A YES, SIR.

13 Q WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT WORK?

14 A WORKING OVER RUNNING THE WIRE MACHINE.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, BEFORE WE GO ON I'M GOING
16 TO OVERRULE THE OBJECTION, I'LL ALLOW THE QUESTION, GO
17 AHEAD.

18 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, PERMISSION
19 TO APPROACH THE WITNESS?

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

21 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE HAS HAD AN
22 OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE STATE IS GOING
23 TO BE OBJECTING TO THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF
24 THEM BEING IN THE RECORD. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO DO
25 THAT OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY?

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND DO
2 THAT. LET THEM FINISH THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ONE FIRST.

3 ALL RIGHT, WE'LL LET YOU FINISH REVIEWING THAT
4 FOR JUST A MINUTE BUT RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT A MATTER OF LAW
5 THAT I NEED TO TAKE UP WITH THE ATTORNEYS SO I'M GOING TO
6 EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM BRIEFLY. I'LL BRING YOU
7 BACK OUT SHORTLY. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS THE CASE EVEN
8 AMONG YOURSELVES AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IF YOU WANT TO
9 JUST LEAVE THAT ON THE RAIL RIGHT THERE AND WE'LL PICK IT
10 UP AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS YOU RETURN.
11 EVERYBODY ELSE PLEASE REMAIN SEATED.

12 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT
13 10:14 A.M.)

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY, LET ME HEAR
15 YOUR OBJECTION?

16 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, WHAT THE
17 DEFENSE IS GOING TO BE PURPORTING TO INTRODUCE IS
18 SUPPOSEDLY A TIME SHEET. THAT TIME SHEET THE ONLY WAY IT
19 WOULD BE ADMISSIBLE BUSINESS RECORD, FOR BUSINESS RECORDS
20 TO BE ADMISSIBLE THE CUSTODIAN OR OTHER WITNESS WHO CAN
21 TESTIFY AS TO THE MOTIVE, PREPARATION AND THE IDENTITY OF
22 THAT TIME CLOCK, THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY KEEPS THE RECORD
23 AND PRODUCES IT FOR TRIAL IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN
24 AUTHENTICATE THE HEARSAY THAT'S LOCATED IN THE BUSINESS
25 RECORD.

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THIS IS PARTICULARLY
2 UNRELIABLE. IT'S HARD TO READ WHETHER IT'S A.M. OR P.M.,
3 THE PARTICULAR MINUTES. I MEAN REALLY WE NEED THE PERSON
4 WHO ASSISTS IN THE PREPARATION OF CREATING THIS BUSINESS
5 RECORD TO EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT SAYS AND IT'S THE STATE'S
6 CONTENTION THAT IN ADDITION TO THAT IT WOULD ONLY SERVE TO
7 CONFUSE THE JURY, WOULD BE MORE PREJUDICIAL THAN PROBATIVE.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WHAT KIND OF TIME RECORD
9 IS IT, I MEAN IS IT A CARD HE FILLS OUT OR IS IT --

10 MR. MCKNIGHT: A PUNCH CARD.

11 THE COURT: OKAY.

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: A TIME SHEET.

13 THE COURT: BUT I MEAN IS IT THE RESULTS OF THE
14 PUNCH CARD OR IS IT THE PUNCH CARD ITSELF?

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: IT'S THE PUNCH CARD ITSELF.

16 THE COURT: AND HE'S THE ONE THAT PUNCHES IT IN?

17 MR. MCKNIGHT: HE'S THE ONE AND IT'S WITH HIS
18 HANDWRITING AT THE TOP.

19 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, I'LL OVERRULE THE
20 OBJECTION, I WILL ALLOW THAT IN. NOW HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO
21 LAY THE FOUNDATION.

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

23 THE COURT: I'M JUST SAYING THAT SINCE HE'S THE
24 ONE THAT SIGNS IT, HE'S THE ONE THAT PUNCHES THE CARD AND
25 IT'S JUST A COPY OF THE PUNCH CARD ITSELF THEN I'LL ALLOW

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 IT. NOW ANY FURTHER INTERPRETATION, YOU KNOW, IF IT HAD
2 BEEN A LEDGER SHEET I SAW WHERE THERE'S ANOTHER SHEET
3 BEHIND IT --

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: THAT'S THE WORK SCHEDULE.

5 THE COURT: THE WORK SCHEDULE PREPARED BY --

6 MR. MCKNIGHT: THAT'S NOT PREPARED BY HIM,
7 THAT'S PREPARED BY SOMEONE ELSE THAT HE WORKED FOR.

8 THE COURT: OKAY, YEAH, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE
9 WHOEVER PREPARED THAT HERE TO AUTHENTICATE IT BUT I WILL
10 PERMIT THE PUNCH CARD THAT HE PUNCHED AND SIGNED.

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: I'M TAKING IT OUT.

14 THE COURT: OKAY.

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: JUST THAT ONE PAGE, ALL RIGHT.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE
17 BRING THE JURY BACK IN?

18 MS. BAILEY: WHILE THE JURY IS OUT I JUST WANTED
19 TO CLARIFY WHAT I CAN CROSS EXAMINE THIS DEFENDANT ON AS
20 FAR AS HIS CRIMINAL RECORD.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

22 MS. BAILEY: MR. MCKNIGHT HAS ALREADY GONE INTO
23 THE FACT OF PAST DRUG CONVICTION NA OPENED THE DOOR. I
24 BELIEVE THE STATE HAS THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE THAT LINE OF
25 QUESTIONING AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT THERE IS A FAILURE

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 TO STOP FOR A BLUE LIGHT CONVICTION THAT IS WITHIN LAST 10
2 YEARS. IT CARRIES MINIMUM ONE YEAR BUT HE WAS STILL
3 SERVING PROBATION ON THAT CHARGE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AND
4 SO THE STATE CONTENDS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO
5 BRING IT UP ON CROSS EXAMINATION.

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. MCKNIGHT?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: THAT'S FINE.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING ELSE
9 BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY IN?

10 MS. BAILEY: THAT'S IT, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: I'M READY, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S BRING THE JURY BACK
14 IN.

15 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
16 10:18 A.M.)

17 THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME BACK,
18 I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT BREAK THERE. MR. MCKNIGHT, YOU CAN
19 CONTINUE WITH YOUR QUESTIONING.

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

21 Q (CONTINUING) MR. HOLT, DO YOU RECOGNIZE
22 THAT DOCUMENT UP THERE WITH YOU?

23 A YES, SIR.

24 Q WHAT IS IT?

25 A A TIME CARD.

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 Q AND IT'S A TIME CARD FOR WHAT?

2 A WHEN YOU CLOCK IN AND CLOCK OUT AT WORK.

3 Q AND THAT'S AT YOUR WORK, IT'S AT COASTAL
4 WIRING?

5 A YES, SIR.

6 Q IS THAT COPY THAT YOU HAVE THERE AN
7 ACCURATE AND TRUE DEPICTION OF YOUR TIME CARD DURING THE
8 MONTH OF JUNE 2009?

9 A YES, SIR.

10 Q THERE'S A NAME WRITTEN AT THE TOP ON THAT
11 CARD WHOSE NAME IS THAT?

12 A QUENTIN HOLT.

13 Q WHO WROTE THAT?

14 A ME.

15 Q AND IS IT CUSTOMARY FOR YOU GUYS TO WRITE
16 THE NAME, YOUR NAME ON THE TOP OF THESE TIME CARDS?

17 A YES, SIR.

18 Q AND WHEN YOU'RE WITH YOUR TIME CARDS DO YOU
19 JUST LEAVE THEM BY THE CLOCK?

20 A IT'S LIKE A SLOT.

21 Q IS IT RIGHT THERE BESIDE WHERE THE TIME
22 CLOCK IS?

23 A YES, SIR.

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME WE'D

25 MOVE THAT INTO EVIDENCE AS DEFENSE EXHIBIT NUMBER 2.

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, DEFENSE EXHIBIT NUMBER 2
2 ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.

3 (WHEREUPON, DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 2 ADMITTED
4 INTO EVIDENCE.)

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION
6 I'D LIKE TO PUBLISH IT TO THE JURY.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

8 Q NOW, QUENTIN, BEFORE I PUBLISH IT TO THE
9 JURY, DO YOU SEE THE DATE JUNE THE 20TH ON THERE?

10 A YES, SIR.

11 Q WHAT TIME DID YOU GO TO WORK?

12 A ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

13 Q ELEVEN O'CLOCK WHAT, A.M. OR P.M.?

14 A IT WAS NIGHTTIME, WELL P.M.

15 Q P.M.?

16 A YES, SIR.

17 Q WHAT TIME DID YOU GET OFF OF WORK?

18 A LIKE 3:00 THE NEXT DAY.

19 Q THREE O'CLOCK ON WHAT DATE WOULD THAT BE?

20 A ON THE 20TH.

21 Q SO YOU WENT IN ON THE 19TH AND GOT OFF AT
22 3:00 P.M.?

23 A I WAS SCHEDULED TO GET OFF AT SEVEN THAT
24 MORNING ---

25 Q RIGHT?

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 A --- BUT I WORKED OVER FOR A GUY THAT DIDN'T
2 COME IN.

3 Q OKAY --

4 A YES, SIR.

5 Q HOW FAR IS COASTAL WIRE FROM YOUR HOUSE?

6 A PROBABLY ABOUT 20 MINUTES, 20, 30 MINUTES.

7 Q WHERE IS IT?

8 A COASTAL WIRING?

9 Q YES?

10 A LIKE JUST BEFORE YOU GET INTO GEORGETOWN.

11 Q OKAY, IS THAT PAST WHAT THEY CALL THE NINE
12 MILE CURVE?

13 A YES, SIR.

14 Q SO YOU'D HAVE TO GET OFF FROM WORK AND THEN
15 GET HOME, RIGHT?

16 A WELL YOU HAVE TO, WELL USUALLY WHEN YOU
17 CLOCK OUT YOU GO WASH UP AND THEN YOU LEAVE. YOU HAVE OIL
18 AND ---

19 Q WHY DO YOU WASH UP?

20 A CAUSE YOU BE OILY.

21 Q WHAT DO YOU MEAN OILY, HOW DO YOU GET OILY
22 FROM RUNNING A MACHINE?

23 A BECAUSE THE WIRING HAVE LIKE A CERTAIN OIL
24 IN IT WHEN IT COOKS IT SO IT GETS ON YOUR CLOTHES AND YOUR
25 HANDS AND STUFF LIKE THAT.

MR. HOLT - DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCKNIGHT

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1 Q NOW YOU'RE NOT JUST MAKING THAT UP NOW, YOU
2 WASH EVERY TIME YOU COME HOME?

3 A YES, SIR.

4 Q SO WHAT TIME DID YOU GET HOME THAT DAY?

5 A IT MAYBE WAS PROBABLY AFTER FOUR,
6 SOMEWHERE, SOMEWHERE UP IN THERE.

7 Q SO IS IT SAFE TO SAY THAT NORMALLY IF YOU
8 GET OFF FROM WORK AT A SPECIFIC TIME WITH YOU SHOWERING AND
9 DRIVING IT TAKES YOU ABOUT AN HOUR TO GET HOME?

10 A SOMETIMES.

11 Q NOW ON THE 17TH OF JUNE DO YOU RECALL WHERE
12 YOU WERE? DID YOU WORK THAT DAY?

13 A YES, SIR, I WORKED.

14 Q WHAT TIME DID YOU WORK?

15 A WENT IN AT THREE.

16 Q YOU WENT IN AT THREE?

17 A YES, SIR.

18 Q YOU'RE SURE, 3:00 WHAT TIME, A.M. OR P.M.?

19 A P.M.

20 Q WHAT TIME DO YOU NORMALLY LEAVE HOME TO
21 WORK, TO GET TO WORK?

22 A I NORMALLY LEAVE ABOUT PROBABLY LIKE 2:15,
23 2:20.

24 Q YOU DIDN'T CALL IN SICK THAT DAY, DID YOU?

25 A NO, SIR.

MR. HOLT - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

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1 Q YOU WERE AT WORK?

2 A YES, SIR.

3 Q AND THAT'S ON THAT TIME SHEET RIGHT THERE?

4 A YES, SIR.

5 Q QUENTIN, YOU'VE GOT OTHER STUFF ON YOUR
6 CRIMINAL RECORD, DON'T YOU?

7 A YES, SIR.

8 Q YOU'VE GOT A FAILURE TO STOP FOR A BLUE
9 LIGHT, DON'T YOU?

10 A YES, SIR.

11 Q YOU'VE GOT CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY
12 OF A MINOR CHARGE ON THERE, DON'T YOU?

13 A YES, SIR.

14 Q BUT THAT WAS FROM '96 WHEN YOU WERE 17,
15 RIGHT?

16 A YES, SIR.

17 Q YOU ALSO GOT A, YOU ALSO BEAT SOMEBODY UP
18 AND GOT CONVICTED OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY, DIDN'T YOU?

19 A YES, SIR.

20 Q SO WHEN YOU SAID YOUR RECORD WAS LITTLE YOU
21 WERE SORT OF DOWNPLAYING IT, WEREN'T YOU?

22 A YES, SIR.

23 Q SORT OF SIGNIFICANT?

24 A YES, SIR.

25 Q HAVE YOU TURNED AWAY FROM YOUR LIFE OF

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1 CRIME BEFORE?

2 A YES, SIR.

3 MR. MCKNIGHT: THE COURT'S INDULGENCE.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR WITNESS, MS. BAILEY.

6 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MS. BAILEY:

9 Q MR. HOLT, DID YOU MOVE TO YOUR CURRENT
10 ADDRESS A YEAR AGO IN SEPTEMBER?

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY. IF I HAD
12 TO ONLY PUBLISH TO THE JURY THE PICTURES AS THEY ACCURATELY
13 WERE, THE ACTUAL PHOTO, THEN I ASK THAT THERE BE SOME
14 RECIPROCITY TO REQUIRE THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE TO DO THE
15 SAME. SHE'S ATTEMPTING TO USE HER ELECTRONIC DEVICE JUST
16 AS THE SAME AS I WAS GOING TO USE MINE.

17 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I'M WAS NOT GOING TO
18 USE THE PHOTOGRAPHS, I WAS GOING TO USE JUST SOME
19 DOCUMENTS.

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: SHE WAS GOING TO DO IT FOR THE
21 DOCUMENTS.

22 THE COURT: WE'RE GOING TO DO IT ALL UNIFORM SO
23 JUST PRESENT IT THE OTHER WAY.

24 MS. BAILEY: OKAY, I WILL.

25 Q (CONTINUING) MR. HOLT, YOU MOVED TO YOUR

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1 CURRENT ADDRESS IN SEPTEMBER?

2 A NO, MA'AM.

3 Q YOU TESTIFIED EARLIER YOU MOVED THERE A
4 YEAR AGO?

5 A YEAH, A YEAR AGO, A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO.

6 Q OKAY, SO DID YOU MOVE THERE IN SEPTEMBER?

7 A NO, MA'AM.

8 Q ALL RIGHT, DID YOU MOVE THERE IN APRIL,
9 2009?

10 A SOME, SOMEWHERE UP IN THERE.

11 Q YOU TESTIFIED THAT YOU MOVED THERE IN
12 APRIL?

13 A UH-HUH.

14 Q IS THAT WHEN YOU MOVED THERE?

15 A YES, SIR, BECAUSE MY GRANDFATHER PASSED.

16 Q DID YOU MOVE THERE IN JUNE?

17 A NO, MA'AM.

18 Q THAT'S WHEN THE DOCUMENTS SAY YOU MOVED
19 THERE?

20 A YEAH.

21 Q OKAY, SO WE HAVE THREE DIFFERENT ANSWERS AS
22 TO WHEN YOU MOVED THERE?

23 A I MOVED THERE IN APRIL BEFORE MY
24 GRANDMOTHER, I MEAN MY GRANDFATHER PASSED.

25 Q BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS TO PROVE

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1 THAT; IS THAT CORRECT?

2 A I DON'T HAVE WHAT?

3 Q OKAY, THE DOCUMENTS SAY YOU MOVED THERE IN
4 JUNE 23RD; IS THAT CORRECT?

5 A UH-HUH.

6 Q AND YOUR YOUNGEST SON'S NAME IS Minor 3; IS
7 THAT CORRECT?

8 A YES, MA'AM.

9 Q YOU'RE A CONVICTED DRUG DEALER; IS THAT
10 CORRECT?

11 A YES, MA'AM.

12 Q DO YOU MAKE MORE MONEY SELLING DRUGS THAN
13 YOU DO WORKING A REAL JOB?

14 A NO, MA'AM.

15 Q SELLING DRUGS IS EASIER WORK THAN A REAL
16 JOB, ISN'T IT?

17 A THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY.

18 Q YOU'VE GOT THREE KIDS TO SUPPORT, RIGHT?

19 A YES, MA'AM.

20 Q DO YOU HAVE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT?

21 A YES, MA'AM.

22 Q HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY IN CHILD SUPPORT?

23 A \$50 ---

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR, RELEVANCE.

25 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, IT GOES TO MOTIVE.

MR. HOLT - CROSS EXAMINATION BY MS. BAILEY

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1 THE COURT: OVERRULED, I'M GOING TO ALLOW IT, GO
2 AHEAD.

3 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

4 Q HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY CHILD SUPPORT?

5 A \$50.

6 Q \$50 FOR ALL THREE?

7 A NO, MA'AM, ONE.

8 Q \$50 EACH?

9 A JUST FOR ONE, MY DAUGHTER.

10 Q OKAY, BUT THE OTHER TWO YOU SUPPORT AS
11 WELL, RIGHT?

12 A YES, MA'AM.

13 Q YOU BUY DIAPERS?

14 A NO, MA'AM.

15 Q THEY'RE FIVE, THEY'RE OUT OF DIAPERS?

16 A YES, MA'AM.

17 Q BUT YOU HAVE TO BUY TOYS AND SCHOOL
18 SUPPLIES, CLOTHES; IS THAT RIGHT?

19 A YES, MA'AM.

20 Q OKAY, THEY'RE EXPENSIVE; AREN'T THEY?

21 A YES, MA'AM.

22 Q AND YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE AS A DRUG DEALER;
23 IS THAT RIGHT?

24 A NO, MA'AM.

25 Q YOU DON'T HAVE EXPERIENCE AS A DRUG DEALER,

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1 DIDN'T YOU ADMIT TO US EARLIER THAT YOU'VE BEEN CONVICTED
2 OF DEALING DRUGS TWICE BEFORE?

3 A POSSESSION, YES, MA'AM.

4 Q POSSESSION?

5 A UH-HUH.

6 Q ALL RIGHT, LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR TIME CARD,
7 YOU WROTE YOUR NAME ON THE TOP OF THAT TIME CARD; IS THAT
8 RIGHT?

9 A YES, MA'AM.

10 Q OKAY, AND YOU ARE THE ONE WHO PUNCHED IN
11 THAT TIME CARD; IS THAT CORRECT?

12 A YES, MA'AM.

13 Q ALL RIGHT, DID YOU EVER PROVIDE THAT TIME
14 CARD BEFORE TODAY?

15 A NO, MA'AM.

16 Q THIS CASE HAS BEEN PENDING FOR A YEAR AND A
17 HALF; IS THAT CORRECT?

18 A ABOUT, I THINK ABOUT A YEAR.

19 Q OKAY, THIS CASE HAS BEEN PENDING FOR A
20 YEAR?

21 A YES, MA'AM.

22 Q YOU'VE COME FOR ROLL CALL SEVERAL TIMES?

23 A UH-HUH.

24 Q THROUGH YOUR ATTORNEY YOU'VE COMMUNICATED
25 WITH THE STATE BUT YOU'VE NEVER TOLD US BEFORE TODAY THAT

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1 YOU HAD AN ALIBI?

2 A I WAS NEVER ASKED.

3 Q AND YOU HAVE PROOF IS WHAT YOU SAY, YOU SAY
4 YOU HAVE PROOF OF AN ALIBI BUT YOU'VE NEVER PROVIDED THAT
5 BEFORE TODAY?

6 A UH-HUH.

7 Q NOW ON THAT TIME CARD THERE'S SLOTS FOR
8 A.M. AND THERE'S SLOTS FOR P.M. ---

9 A YEAH.

10 Q --- IS THAT CORRECT?

11 A YES, MA'AM.

12 Q FOR THE DATE OF JUNE 17TH BOTH OF THOSE
13 TIME CLOCK PUNCHES ARE IN THE A.M. CATEGORY; IS THAT
14 CORRECT?

15 A I BELIEVE SO.

16 Q SO YOU GET OFF AT 3:00 A.M. ON JUNE 17TH;
17 IS THAT CORRECT?

18 A JUNE 17TH, NO, MA'AM.

19 Q BUT THE PUNCH IS IN THE 3 A.M. CATEGORY;
20 ISN'T IT?

21 A UH-UH.

22 Q IT'S NOT IN THE A.M. SECTION?

23 A P.M.

24 Q IT'S IN THE P.M. SECTION; THAT'S YOUR
25 TESTIMONY? IS THAT YOUR TESTIMONY THAT IT'S IN THE P.M.

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1 SECTION?

2 A I BELIEVE SO.

3 Q AND FOR THE JUNE 20TH TIME CLOCK PUNCH
4 THERE'S ONLY ONE PUNCH ON JUNE 20TH; IS THAT CORRECT?

5 A ONE PUNCH IS TWO.

6 Q YOU THINK THERE'S TWO PUNCHES FOR JUNE
7 20TH?

8 A WHEN I CLOCK IN AND CLOCK OUT.

9 Q OKAY, DID YOU CLOCK IN ON THE 19TH AT 11?

10 A UH-HUH.

11 Q AND DID YOU CLOCK OUT ON THE 20TH AT 3?

12 A AT 3 A.M.

13 Q OKAY, SO YOU WANT US TO BELIEVE THAT YOU
14 WORKED FROM 11:00 AT NIGHT UNTIL THREE IN THE AFTERNOON?

15 A UH-HUH.

16 Q NOW THOSE TWO PUNCHES ARE RIGHT NEXT TO
17 EACH OTHER; IS THAT CORRECT?

18 A YES, MA'AM.

19 Q AS IF THEY WERE ONE DAY; IS THAT CORRECT?

20 A UH-HUH.

21 Q ONE SHIFT, THEY DON'T GO TO THE NEXT DAY,
22 YOU DON'T SKIP A SLOT TO SHOW THAT IT'S THE NEXT DAY THAT
23 YOU CLOCKED OUT; IS THAT CORRECT?

24 A NO, WHEN YOU, WHEN YOU CLOCK IN LIKE THAT,
25 WHEN YOU CLOCK IN AT THAT 11 AND THEN TILL YOU GET OFF THAT

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1 EVENING THEY GOING TO SHOW P.M., THAT'S THE, THE CLOCK JUST
2 LIKE A REGULAR CLOCK.

3 Q SO EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE GOT TWO DIFFERENT
4 DATES AND YOU'VE GOT TWO DIFFERENT TIMES THAT ARE RIGHT
5 NEXT TO EACH OTHER SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ONLY CLOCKED ONCE
6 ON THE 20TH; IS THAT RIGHT?

7 A YEAH, YEAH, CLOCK OUT.

8 Q AND IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY THAT YOU
9 WORKED FROM 11:00 AT NIGHT ALL THE WAY UNTIL 3:00 THE NEXT
10 DAY?

11 A I PULLED A DOUBLE.

12 Q OKAY, AND IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY
13 THAT IT TAKES YOU A HALF AN HOUR FROM YOUR WORK TO GET TO
14 YOUR HOME?

15 A YES, MA'AM.

16 Q YOU KNOW JOE LEWIS, DON'T YOU?

17 A SOMEWHAT.

18 Q DO YOU WORK, I MEAN WHEN HE WALKED IN HERE
19 YESTERDAY YOU DIDN'T SAY, WHO IS THAT, YOU KNEW HIM, DIDN'T
20 YOU?

21 A YEAH, I DONE SEE HIS FACE BEFORE.

22 Q YOU'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A WHILE, RIGHT?

23 A COUPLE OF YEARS.

24 Q HE'S BOUGHT DRUGS FROM YOU BEFORE, HASN'T
25 HE?

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1 A NO, MA'AM.

2 Q I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S PREVIOUSLY
3 BEEN MARKED AS STATE'S EXHIBIT, DEFENSE EXHIBITS 3 AND 4;
4 COULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT'S HANGING OVER THE WINDOW, OVER THE
5 SINK?

6 A OVER THE WINDOWS, A CURTAIN.

7 Q THERE'S CURTAINS OVER THE SINK, OVER THE
8 WINDOW THAT'S RIGHT OVER THE SINK; IS THAT RIGHT?

9 A YES, MA'AM.

10 Q AND THE WALLS ARE PAINTED, THE WALLS ARE
11 NOT WHITE; IS THAT CORRECT?

12 A THEY'RE PINK.

13 Q THEY'RE PINK, NOW WHERE YOU LIVE SOME
14 PEOPLE CALL THAT HOLT PLANTATION?

15 A YES, MA'AM.

16 Q WHY DO THEY CALL IT THAT?

17 A I DON'T KNOW.

18 Q BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE YOU'RE RELATED TO
19 LIVE OUT THERE?

20 A YES, MA'AM, YEAH, I GUESS.

21 Q OKAY, SO NONE OF US HAVE EVER BEEN THERE
22 BUT BASICALLY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY
23 WITH SEVERAL HOMES ON IT; IS THAT CORRECT?

24 A YES, MA'AM.

25 Q OKAY, AND YOURS IS ONE OF THOSE HOMES,

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1 RIGHT?

2 A YES, MA'AM.

3 Q AND THIS ADDRESS, THIS [REDACTED] THAT THE
4 DOCUMENTS SHOW YOU MOVED IN IN JUNE 23RD THAT IS OUT THERE
5 ON THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY; IS THAT RIGHT?

6 A YES, MA'AM.

7 Q BUT YOU LIVED ON THAT PROPERTY BEFORE JUNE
8 23RD; ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

9 A UH-HUH.

10 Q OKAY, AND EVEN BEFORE YOU MOVED INTO THIS
11 MOBILE HOME YOU LIVED ON THAT PROPERTY WITH SOMEBODY,
12 RIGHT?

13 A NO, MA'AM.

14 Q WHERE DID YOU LIVE BEFORE THAT?

15 A [REDACTED]

16 Q OKAY, AND IS HOLLYWOOD AVENUE RIGHT NEXT
17 DOOR?

18 A UH-UH.

19 Q THAT ISN'T THE ROAD THAT INTERSECTS COUNTY
20 LINE ROAD?

21 A NO, MA'AM.

22 Q THE ROAD NEXT TO IT?

23 A IT'S CLOSE BUT NOT THAT CLOSE, NOT WHERE I
24 WAS STAYING AT.

25 Q OKAY, BUT YOU'VE MOVED ON OR NEAR THAT

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1 PROPERTY; ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

2 A WHICH PROPERTY?

3 Q [REDACTED] AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD?

4 A IT'S LIKE, HOLLYWOOD AVENUE AND THEN THIS
5 ROAD IS COUNTY LINE, I LIVED AT THE FRONT.

6 Q OKAY, BUT IT'S ALL THE HOLT PLANTATION
7 AREA; IS THAT RIGHT?

8 A NO, MA'AM.

9 Q NO?

10 A UH-UH.

11 Q WELL WHO OWNS THAT AREA? WE SAW DOCUMENTS
12 WHERE YOU BOUGHT A MOBILE HOME, WE DIDN'T SEE ANY DOCUMENTS
13 WHERE YOU BOUGHT LAND.

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, IF SHE'S GOING TO ASK
15 HIM QUESTIONS SHE NEEDS TO LET THE WITNESS ANSWER THE
16 QUESTION AND NOT TESTIFY.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ASK YOUR QUESTION.

18 MS. BAILEY: (CONTINUING)

19 Q WHO OWNS THE LAND?

20 A ANNETTE POPE.

21 Q THAT PERSON OWNS HOLT PLANATION?

22 A NO, MA'AM.

23 Q AND YOU MOVED TO [REDACTED] IN JUNE, ON JUNE
24 23RD OF 2009?

25 A SOMETIME IN APRIL.

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1 Q OR WAS IT SEPTEMBER?

2 A SOMETIME IN APRIL.

3 MS. BAILEY: ALL RIGHT, NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

4 THE COURT: REDIRECT?

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: THE COURT'S INDULGENCE?

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: NO QUESTIONS FOR THIS WITNESS,
8 YOUR HONOR.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOU MAY STEP DOWN.

10 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU.

11 THE COURT: YOU CAN CALL YOUR NEXT WITNESS.

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THE DEFENSE RESTS.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY,
14 ANYTHING IN REPLY?

15 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND
17 GENTLEMEN, THE DEFENSE HAS PRESENTED THEIR CASE NOW IS THE
18 TIME IN THE TRIAL WHERE I HAVE TO TAKE UP SOME ADDITIONAL
19 MATTERS OF LAW BEFORE WE BRING YOU OUT TO DO CLOSING
20 ARGUMENTS AND CLOSING, EXCUSE ME, CLOSING ARGUMENTS AND
21 THEN A CHARGE ON THE LAW, SO I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU BACK
22 TO THE JURY ROOM FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES. WE'LL BRING YOU
23 BACK OUT SHORTLY. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS THE CASE EVEN
24 AMONG YOURSELVES AT THIS POINT IN TIME BUT IT WILL GIVE YOU
25 A NICE LITTLE BREAK WHERE YOU CAN STRETCH YOUR LEGS, GET

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1 SOMETHING TO DRINK AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE AND WE'LL
2 BRING YOU BACK OUT SHORTLY, OKAY. EVERYBODY ELSE PLEASE
3 REMAIN SEATED WHILE THE JURY IS EXCUSED.

4 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT
5 10:36 A.M.)

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANY MOTIONS AT THIS TIME?

7 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THE DEFENSE RENEWS
8 ITS MOTION FOR A DIRECTED VERDICT AT THIS TIME.

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THAT MOTION IS NOTED BUT
10 I'M GOING TO DENY IT.

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

12 THE COURT: ANYTHING, YES, MA'AM?

13 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, THE STATE WOULD MOVE
14 THAT THE DEFENSE NOT BE ALLOWED IMPROPER ARGUMENT IN
15 CLOSING. THE DEFENSE OBJECTED TO LARGE PORTIONS OF THE
16 STATE'S EVIDENCE INCLUDING FOR THE TIME THAT THE "CI"
17 WAS WIRED UNTIL THE BUY HAPPENED AND THEN UNTIL THE "CI"
18 GOT BACK. THE "CI" WAS UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND THAT
19 EVIDENCE WAS AVAILABLE BUT THE COURT RULED IT INADMISSIBLE
20 AND SINCE IT'S INADMISSIBLE ---

21 THE COURT: WAIT A MINUTE, SAY THAT AGAIN NOW?

22 MS. BAILEY: THE PORTIONS OF THE AUDIO RECORDING

23 ---

24 THE COURT: RIGHT.

25 MS. BAILEY: --- FROM WHEN THE "CI", THE WIRE

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1 WAS PLACED ON THE "CI" ---

2 THE COURT: RIGHT.

3 MS. BAILEY: --- TILL THE BUY HAPPENED AND FROM
4 AFTER THE BUY UNTIL THE "CI" GOT BACK TO THE AGENTS THE
5 COURT RULED THAT EVIDENCE INADMISSIBLE.

6 THE COURT: CORRECT.

7 MS. BAILEY: AS SUCH THE STATE ARGUES THAT IT IS
8 IMPROPER ARGUMENT FOR THE DEFENSE TO SAY THAT WE DON'T HAVE
9 ANY RECORD OF IT OR THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE CHAIN
10 OF CUSTODY DURING THOSE TIME PERIODS.

11 THE COURT: OH, OKAY, I AGREE WITH THAT. WHAT
12 CAN I HEAR FROM YOU, MR. MCKNIGHT, ON THAT?

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: OH, WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION I
14 AGREE, THAT'S FINE.

15 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING ELSE?

16 MS. BAILEY: THAT'S ALL FROM THE STATE, YOUR
17 HONOR, THAT'S FINE.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, I'VE GOT TO INSERT ONE
19 MORE INSTRUCTION INTO MY JURY CHARGE. THE ONLY THING THAT
20 I HAVE NOT PUT IN AND IT WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL
21 THE DEFENDANT TESTIFIED WAS THE CHARGE WHERE THEY CANNOT
22 CONSIDER THE DEFENDANT'S RECORD AS PROOF OF GUILT BUT ONLY
23 ADDRESS IT AS TO CREDIBILITY AND I'M GOING TO INSERT THAT
24 AND THEN I'LL BRING YOU OUT A COPY OF MY CHARGE AND LET YOU
25 LOOK AT THAT BEFORE WE DO CLOSING ARGUMENTS, OKAY.

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

2 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WHAT I'M GOING TO DO LET
4 ME GET YOU A COPY OF MY CHARGE, LET YOU TAKE A LOOK AT IT,
5 IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONS YOU WANT INSERTED, RATHER THAN
6 YOU HANDING ME UP A BUNCH OF JURY CHARGES NOW LET ME SHOW
7 YOU WHAT I'VE GOT AND THEN YOU CAN MOVE TO STRIKE PART OF
8 IT, ADD TO IT OR WHATEVER YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, OKAY.

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

11 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU.

12 THE COURT: GIVE ME ABOUT FIVE MINUTES TO INSERT
13 THIS ONE PART AND I'LL BRING YOU BACK A COPY, OKAY.

14 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU.

16 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

17 (WHEREUPON, A RECESS WAS TAKEN AND THE FOLLOWING
18 TAKES PLACE ON THE RECORD AFTER THE RECESS.)

19 THE COURT: MR. MCKNIGHT, MY CLERK HAS GIVEN YOU
20 A COPY OF MY CHARGE ON THE LAW ON THIS CASE; IS THAT
21 CORRECT?

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR, YOUR HONOR, HE HAS.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, AT THIS POINT IN TIME
24 HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OVER THAT?

25 MR. MCKNIGHT: THE DEFENSE HAS, YOUR HONOR.

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1 THE COURT: HAS THE STATE?

2 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANY OBJECTIONS OR
4 ADDITIONS BEFORE, I LIKE TO GIVE YOU A COPY TO LOOK OVER
5 BEFORE WE BEGIN CLOSING ARGUMENTS. I'LL GIVE YOU AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND AT A LATER TIME BUT BEFORE WE MAKE
7 CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IT OR ANY
8 CHALLENGES OR ADDITIONS?

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
10 HONOR.

11 MS. BAILEY: NONE FROM THE STATE, YOUR HONOR.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FROM THE STATE
13 BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY IN?

14 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

16 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING
18 THE JURY IN.

19 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
20 11:15 A.M.)

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
22 WELCOME BACK, THE STATE HAS COMPLETED THEIR CASE AND THE
23 DEFENSE HAS CONCLUDED THEIR DEFENSE IN THIS CASE AND NOW IS
24 THE TIME OF THE TRIAL WHERE THE ATTORNEYS WILL MAKE THEIR
25 CLOSING ARGUMENTS TO THE JURY.

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1 NOW JUST LIKE THE OPENING STATEMENTS FROM THE
2 ATTORNEYS THESE CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE NOT EVIDENCE IN THIS
3 CASE. IT IS SIMPLY THE ATTORNEYS CONTENTION OR THE
4 ATTORNEYS ARGUMENT AS TO WHAT THEY THINK THE FACTS IN THIS
5 CASE ARE AND WHAT THEY THINK THE CHARGE WILL BE OR WHAT THE
6 LAW IN THIS CASE TO BE APPLIED IS.

7 JUST LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE IF THEY MAKE A
8 STATEMENT OF FACT THAT DISAGREES WITH YOUR FINDING OF THE
9 FACTS YOU'RE TO DISREGARD THEIR STATEMENT. LIKEWISE IF
10 THEY MAKE A REFERENCE TO THE LAW THAT DISAGREES WITH WHAT I
11 CHARGE YOU THE LAW TO BE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR
12 ARGUMENTS YOU'RE TO DISREGARD THEIR ARGUMENTS IN THAT
13 RESPECT. THIS IS ONLY THEIR OPINION OR THEIR CONTENTION AS
14 TO WHAT THE FACTS ARE, WHAT THE CASE HAS SHOWN, WHAT THE
15 ISSUES ARE, AND WHAT THE LAW IS, ALL RIGHT.

16 MS. BAILEY, DOES THE STATE WAIVE OPENING OR DO
17 YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD?

18 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, THE STATE WAIVES
19 OPENING.

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT?

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, MS.
22 BAILEY.

23 THE COURT: MR. MCKNIGHT.

24 CLOSING ARGUMENT

25 BY MR. MCKNIGHT:

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1 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, GOOD MORNING,
2 ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR AGAIN FOR
3 YOUR ATTENTION. I KNOW WE'RE ALMOST AT THE END BUT I NEED
4 FOR YOU TO PAY ATTENTION FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER AND LISTEN
5 TO ME JUST CAREFULLY AS YOU CAN.

6 YOU'VE HEARD THE TESTIMONY THAT'S BEEN GIVEN HERE
7 OVER YESTERDAY AND TODAY. YOU'VE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF
8 WITNESSES AND I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME OF THOSE
9 THINGS.

10 WE HEARD, THIS CASE IS SUMMED UP BEST BY THAT OLD
11 SPIRITUAL SONG 99 AND A HALF JUST WON'T DO. YOU KNOW YOU
12 HAD OFFICER GRANT THAT HAD THIS "CI" THAT HE HAD BEEN
13 PAYING, MR. LEWIS, BUT A LOT OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN CURED
14 BY OFFICER GRANT GOING AND LOOKING AT THE PLACE IT WAS THAT
15 HE SAID, THAT JOE LEWIS SAID HE GOT THE DRUGS FROM. HE
16 DIDN'T DO THAT. DID HE BOTHER TO GO AT ANY TIME AND LOOK
17 AND SAY, YEAH, THE NUMBERS ON THE HOUSE MATCH UP, NO, HE
18 DIDN'T DO THAT. DID HE BOTHER TO GO AND JUST LOOK AND KIND
19 OF SEE IF HE WENT ACTUALLY WHERE HE WENT, NO, HE DIDN'T DO
20 THAT. WHAT DID HE DO? HE RELIED SOLELY ON INFORMATION
21 GIVEN TO HIM BY A KNOWN CRACK HEAD WHO WOULD AND HAS DONE
22 ANYTHING FOR MONEY. THAT'S WHAT OFFICER GRANT DID, JUST
23 WHATEVER I'LL DO, I'LL BELIEVE HIM, I GOT MY MAN, THAT'S
24 WHAT THE RECORDS SHOW.

25 WHAT ABOUT LOOKING YOURSELF, THAT WASN'T, THAT

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1 WHOLE NOTION OF DOING YOUR JOB ISN'T SOMETHING
2 EXTRACURRICULAR, IT'S WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. YEAH,
3 YOU MIGHT TRUST BUT YOU'VE GOT TO, WHAT, VERIFY, VERIFY.

4 NOW THEY GIVE YOU THIS WHOLE BUSINESS ABOUT I
5 BOUGHT JOE A SHIRT, JOE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SOME
6 SHIRT. WHY AREN'T THE NUMBERS ADDING UP? WHY? 34 CENTS
7 HERE, 64, WHERE'S THE MONEY GOING. I'M DOING THIS, NO, HE
8 DOESN'T DO ANYTHING THAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO DO, BUT HE WANTS
9 YOU ALL TO DO HIS JOB FOR HIM, NO, SIR, NO, MA'AM, THAT'S
10 NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. HE'S SUPPOSED TO BRING THE FACTS
11 TO THE SOLICITOR, THE SOLICITOR IS SUPPOSED TO PRESENT
12 THEM, AND THEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU ISSUE THE
13 VERDICT. HE HASN'T GIVEN YOU ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR YOU TO
14 RELY UPON CONFIDENTLY. HE HASN'T GIVEN YOU ENOUGH
15 INFORMATION FOR YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO GET RID OF
16 YOUR NATURAL HESITATION TO ACT.

17 YOU HEARD FROM THE CHEMIST, VERY NICE YOUNG LADY,
18 BUT I'M NOT AT ALL CONVINCED AT HER COMPETENCE TO TEST
19 CHEMICALS. SHE COULDN'T TELL YOU THE LAST TIME THAT THE
20 INSTRUMENT THAT SHE USED TO TEST THE SUBSTANCE IN QUESTION
21 WAS CALIBRATED OR VERIFIED. ANOTHER PERSON WHO, OH, WELL
22 I'M GOING TO RELY ON WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE DID INSTEAD OF
23 MAKING SURE.

24 NOW THEY HAVE GIVEN YOU ALL ON ITS FACE NOTHING
25 THAT THEY'VE PUT INTO EVIDENCE. WE DON'T, WE'RE NOT EVEN

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1 SURE IF THAT'S CRACK. SHE SAYS IT IS BUT SHE CAN'T TELL
2 YOU IF THE MACHINE WAS RIGHT.

3 NOW WHAT DO WE HAVE, WE HAVE MY CLIENT WHO, YES,
4 HE HAS A CHECKERED PAST AND AS HE PUT IT. BUT YOU KNOW
5 WHAT HE COULD HAVE DONE, HE COULD HAVE SAT AT THAT TABLE
6 RIGHT THERE HIDE BEHIND THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AND SAID
7 NOTHING AND HIS HONOR WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU HAD THAT
8 HAPPENED THAT YOU CANNOT HOLD THAT AGAINST HIM BUT HE PUT
9 ASIDE HIS SHIELD OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT. HE SHED THAT
10 ENTIRE PROTECTION THAT HE HAD WHERE HE COULD HAVE PLAYED IT
11 SAFE AND HE GOT ON THE STAND AND HE TOLD YOU UNDER OATH
12 WHAT IT WAS, WHAT WAS WHAT, THAT HE WAS WHERE, AT WORK, A
13 LEGITIMATE JOB, DOING WHAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DO, AND THAT
14 HIS NORMAL ROUTINE ON THOSE DAYS WAS TO, WHAT, WORK,
15 SHOWER, AND COME HOME, AND GUESS WHAT. WHEN HE GOT
16 OVERTIME WHAT DID HE DO WITH HIS OVERTIME HE TOOK THE
17 OVERTIME. YOU KNOW MS. BAILEY MADE IT SEEM AS IF IT WAS A
18 STRETCH BEYOND THE IMAGINATION THAT SOMEONE WOULD PULL A
19 DOUBLE. THERE'S SOME PEOPLE THAT'S DYING TO PULL A TRIPLE,
20 NOT JUST A DOUBLE, BUT TO HER, OH, MY GOD, THAT'S
21 INCREDIBLE, HE COULDN'T HAVE WORKED A DOUBLE, NO.

22 WHAT DID HE DO, WHAT DID HE BRING YOU, LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN? HE BROUGHT YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HIS TIME
24 CARD, THAT GOES IN THE CLOCK. YOU TAKE IT BACK TO YOUR
25 ROOM, YOUR JURY ROOM, YOU READ, YOU'LL SEE IF YOU HAVEN'T

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1 ALREADY.

2 NOW LET'S BACK UP FOR A MINUTE I GOT A LITTLE
3 AHEAD OF MYSELF, YOU KNOW JOE, DID YOU HEAR ME WHEN I HAD
4 JOE ON THE STAND WHEN HE CAME IN IN SHACKLES, DID YOU HEAR
5 ME ASK HIM ARE YOU SURE WHAT COLOR WAS THE KITCHEN, I ASKED
6 HIM THAT, AND HE SAID, WHAT, BROWN, AND I ASKED HIM AGAIN,
7 I SAID, JOE, ARE YOU SURE IT WAS BROWN. WHAT DID HE SAY,
8 I'M SURE IT WAS BROWN. GUESS WHAT, I AIN'T TOO GOOD WITH
9 COLORS BUT BROWN AND PINK DON'T LOOK ANYTHING ALIKE AND THE
10 COLOR OF THAT KITCHEN THAT YOU HAVE THE PICTURES OF IS
11 PINK, PINK AND GREEN. IT'S GOT PINK FLOWERS ABOVE THE
12 DECORATED WITH GREENERY, IT'S PINK, NOT BROWN. SOMEBODY IS
13 NOT TELLING THE TRUTH.

14 REMEMBER DURING THE OPENING I SAID THAT YOU BRING
15 YOUR COLLECTIVE COMMON SENSE EXPERIENCES HERE AND THAT SOME
16 OF US HAVE CHILDREN AND SOME OF US DON'T AND THAT EVEN
17 THOUGH WE AIN'T GOT TO SEE LITTLE JOEY GRAB THE COOKIE OUT
18 OF THE COOKIE JAR THAT LITTLE VOICE INSIDE OF YOU THAT
19 TELLS YOU HE DID THAT'S THE VOICE YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO
20 NOW.

21 I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED, JOE WALKED AROUND
22 THAT CORNER AND HE MIGHT HAVE BOUGHT SOME CRACK BUT HE
23 DIDN'T BUY IT FROM MY GUY BECAUSE WHAT HE SAID DIDN'T
24 HAPPEN AND IT WASN'T TRUE BECAUSE HE SAYS THAT THE KITCHEN
25 IS BROWN, IT'S NOT, NO.

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1 NOW THEY MADE A BIG DEAL ABOUT THIS ADDRESS, IT'S
2 [REDACTED], WHATEVER, IT AIN'T THE RIGHT ADDRESS. MY CLIENT
3 BOUGHT A MOBILE HOME, PUT IT THERE AND MOVED IN THERE
4 AROUND APRIL AND FINALLY GOT THE PAPER WORK STRAIGHT RIGHT
5 ABOUT THEN. NOW WHAT THEY GOING TO TRY TO MAKE YOU, LADIES
6 AND GENTLEMEN, THOUGH, THAT HE'S A DRUG DEALER, HE'S GOT SO
7 MUCH MONEY THAT WHEN HE FINALLY GETS POPPED, GETS ARRESTED
8 HE GOES OUT AND BUYS ANOTHER ADDRESS SO THAT CAN BE THE
9 ALIBI. NO, NO, IT TAKES A WHILE TO REGISTER MOBILE, TO
10 REGISTER MOBILE HOMES AND GET THE BILLS OF SALE. HE WAS
11 LIVING IN THE HOUSE AND AS YOU CAN SEE IT'S REAL CLOSE TO
12 THE TIME, FIVE DAYS AFTER. HE WAS LIVING WHERE HE SAID HE
13 WAS LIVING, NOT WHERE THE POLICE OR WHEREVER MR., WHERE
14 AGENT GRANT WAS SUGGESTING THAT HE LIVED.

15 NOW HIS HONOR IS GOING TO TELL, LADIES AND
16 GENTLEMEN, IN A MINUTE THAT THE BURDEN OF PROOF LIES UPON
17 THE STATE, UPON MS. BAILEY THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR,
18 THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVE BEYOND A REASONABLE
19 DOUBT THAT MY CLIENT DID IN FACT DISTRIBUTE A QUANTITY OF
20 CRACK COCAINE ON THE 17TH OF JUNE 2009 AND ON THE 20TH OF
21 JUNE 2009. THAT REASONABLE DOUBT IS GOING TO BE IF YOU
22 HAVE, IF YOU HESITATE TO ACT YOU HAVE A REASONABLE DOUBT.

23 IT IS CLEAR COMING HERE BOUGHT A SHIRT, FOR WHAT,
24 OH, LET'S REMEMBER THIS, THERE'S THINGS MISSING, TOO. WE
25 COULD HAVE CLEARED UP THIS WHOLE IS IT CRACK, IS IT POWDER,

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1 ISSUE WITH WHAT, PICTURES. THEY TOOK THEM BUT I DON'T
2 KNOW, MAYBE THE TOOTH FAIRY GOT THEM, THEY'RE GONE.

3 HIS HONOR IS GOING TO INSTRUCT YOU THAT YOU CAN
4 MAKE INFERENCE THAT WHEN THE EVIDENCE IS MISSING THAT YOU
5 CAN MAKE AN INFERENCE AGAINST THE STATE BECAUSE IT'S THEIR
6 EVIDENCE AND IT'S MISSING AND YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IT IN
7 THAT LIGHT. PICTURES GONE, REALLY, THEY WENT THROUGH, BUT
8 THINK ABOUT IT NOW, THEY MADE IT SEEM AS IF THEY WENT
9 THROUGH SUCH GREAT MEANS WITH THE BEST KIT, WHICH NONE OF
10 THEM KNOW WHAT THAT IS, AND THEY SEALED IT UP AND PUT IT IN
11 THIS SPECIAL MAILBOX AND THEY TOOK IT TO COLUMBIA AND THE
12 GUY AT SLED THEY DO IT, I MEAN THEY'VE GOT THE GLOVES AND
13 THE COATS AND THE LABS BUT THE PICTURES, NAH, WE DON'T NEED
14 THE PICTURES, 99 AND A HALF WILL NOT DO IT, IT WILL NOT.

15 THE MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM ARE YOU 12.
16 YOU 12 ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT CAN SAY THAT HE IS GUILTY
17 ARE YOU 12. NONE OF OUR SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM CAN'T DO
18 IT, THE PRESIDENT CAN'T DO IT, NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT.
19 SENATOR DEMINT CAN'T DO IT, NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT. IT'S UP
20 TO YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT CAN
21 SAY THAT HE IS NOT ARE YOU 12.

22 SO YOU SAW MY CLIENT ON THE STAND, YOU KNOW MS.
23 BAILEY TRIED TO DO THE WHOLE LET ME ASK THE QUESTIONS THREE
24 DIFFERENT WAYS SO I CAN GET THREE DIFFERENT ANSWERS KIND OF
25 STUFF. HE TOLD HER, LOOK, LADY, I WAS AT WORK AND, YEAH, I

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1 LIVE ON HOLT PLANTATION BUT I WASN'T LIVING THERE THE WHOLE
2 TIME AND HE GAVE HER ANOTHER ADDRESS. SIMPLE, THIS CASE
3 WAS SIMPLE IF THEY HAD THE PROOF AND THEY DON'T HAVE IT.

4 YOU HEARD THOSE AUDIO, AND LET'S GO TO THE AUDIO
5 TAPES, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT
6 MONEY ON THE TAPE. WHOEVER IT WAS ON THE TAPE THAT SAYS I
7 DON'T HAVE NO WEIGHT, I DON'T HAVE ANY GRAMS, DID YOU HEAR
8 A PRICE NEGOTIATED. DID SOMEONE SAY, HEY, QUENTIN,
9 NOTHING. WE DON'T KNOW WHO'S ON THE TAPE. WE DON'T EVEN
10 KNOW IF IT'S JOE. WE KNOW NOTHING. THE ONLY THING THEY
11 DID WAS GIVE YOU MORE QUESTIONS RATHER THAN ANSWERS, LADIES
12 AND GENTLEMEN.

13 IT'S NOT GOOD. THIS ISN'T, IT'S NOT HOW IT'S
14 SUPPOSED TO WORK. IF THEY WANT A GUILTY VERDICT THIS IS
15 HOWEVER THE WAY IT WORKS IF YOU WANT, IF THEY WANT OR IF
16 YOU'RE REQUIRED TO GIVE A NOT GUILTY VERDICT. LISTEN MY
17 CLIENT IS NO SAINT AND I WENT INTO GREAT LENGTH ABOUT THAT.
18 HE'S BEEN DOING FOOLISHNESS BUT HE'S DONE FOOLISHNESS
19 BEFORE BUT HE GOES TO WORK AT COASTAL WIRE, HOT COASTAL
20 WIRE EVERY DAY. HE DOES OVERTIME WHEN HE CAN. NOW GUESS
21 WHAT, AT SOME POINT IN SOMEONE'S LIFE WHEN THEY DECIDE TO
22 DO RIGHT, YEAH, YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY'VE DONE BUT YOU'VE
23 GOT TO JUDGE THEM FROM THAT POINT FORWARD AND WHAT DO WE
24 HAVE FROM THIS POINT FORWARD. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE
25 COMING FROM THEM THAT MAKES YOU NOT HESITATE TO SAY GUILTY,

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1 YOU DON'T.

2 NO PICTURES, THEY CLAIM THEY HAVE PICTURES, ALL
3 OF A SUDDEN THEY'RE GONE. YOU, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW IT
4 GOT CRUNCHED UP LIKE THAT, THEY TOOK ALL OF THAT NECESSARY
5 PRECAUTION WHY DOES IT LOOK THAT.

6 VOICES, THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT VOICES AND THEN
7 MOST OF THE VOICES ON THERE ARE MUFFLED. THERE IS A
8 PORTION WHEN THEY'RE TALKING THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN HEAR.
9 THEIR NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP. [REDACTED] IS NOT THE SAME AS
10 [REDACTED], THAT'S A DIFFERENT ADDRESS. EVERYTHING SAYS THAT MY
11 CLIENT LIVES THERE AND BEYOND THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
12 ON THE 17TH AND THE 20TH HE WASN'T THERE, SO WHAT ARE WE TO
13 BELIEVE, THAT HE, BECAUSE, GUESS WHAT, THERE'S NO
14 INFORMATION ABOUT THE PHONE CALL SO HOW'S HE GOING TO KNOW
15 TO RUSH HOME, YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT YOU
16 PUT HOLES IN. HE JUST RUSHED HOME TO GET THIS SALE, JUST
17 BURN UP AND RUN THROUGH ANDREWS, YOU KNOW, THERE'S HOT OIL,
18 GREASE ON ME CAUSE I GOT THIS SALE, \$50, I GOT TO GET.

19 YOU KNOW I LIKE TO THINK WHAT WEBSTER'S
20 DICTIONARY SUMS UP THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MERIAM WEBSTER
21 CREATED IT ABOUT 3-400 YEARS AGO AND IN IT CONTAINS WHAT
22 THE WORDS THAT WE USE AND THIS DICTIONARY KIND OF SUMS UP
23 THE STATE'S CASE, IT DOES, BUT I GOT TO TAKE OUT THE THINGS
24 THAT THEY DIDN'T USE LIKE ACCURACY, THE INACCURATE ADDRESS.
25 HOW ABOUT AUDIBILITY, THE ABILITY TO HEAR CLEARLY WHO,

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1 WHAT, AND WHERE, WHAT'S GOING ON ON THE TAPE. HOW ABOUT
2 CREDIBILITY CAUSE JOE CERTAINLY DOESN'T HAVE ONE CAUSE HE'S
3 AROUND HERE DOING WHATEVER FOR \$50 AND SHOPLIFTING IN THE
4 PROCESS SO HE CAN NURSE HIS DRUG HABIT.

5 WELL THEY SAID THEY HAD PICTURES, THOSE ARE GONE,
6 TOO. WHAT ABOUT HONESTY, DO YOU BELIEVE JOE, I DON'T, SO,
7 NO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THEIR CASE. THEY LEFT
8 YOU WITH SPECULATION, LIES, AND INNUENDO. THEY LEFT YOU
9 WITH INCOMPLETENESS BY NOT HAVING ANY PICTURES, JUST
10 DOWNRIGHT LAZINESS, BUT THEY LEFT YOU WITH THE TWO MOST
11 IMPORTANT WORDS IN THIS BOOK AND BASED ON THE EVIDENCE YOU
12 HAVE TO SPEAK AND THAT IS NOT GUILTY, THANK YOU.

13 THE COURT: MS. BAILEY.

14 MS. BAILEY: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT?

15 THE COURT: YES, MA'AM.

16 CLOSING ARGUMENT

17 BY MS. BAILEY:

18 IT'S BEEN AN EDUCATIONAL DAY AND A HALF FOR
19 YA'LL. WHEN I STARTED THIS JOB I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING
20 ABOUT CRACK COCAINE. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DRUG
21 DEALERS AND, AND HOW IT ALL WORKS, AND YA'LL HAVE LEARNED A
22 LOT, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR
23 UNDERSTANDING SITTING HERE. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT JOB YOU
24 HAVE TO DO.

25 OVERALL HERE'S SOME IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE'VE

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1 ALL LEARNED IN THE LAST DAY AND A HALF. DRUG DEALERS DEAL
2 DRUGS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. DRUG DEALERS DEAL DRUGS TO
3 PEOPLE THAT THEY KNOW, TO FRIENDS, AND TO KNOWN ASSOCIATES.
4 THE OTHER THING THAT JOE LEWIS ADMITTED TO YOU THAT HE HAS
5 HAD A CRACK COCAINE PROBLEM. HE EDUCATED US A LITTLE BIT
6 ABOUT HOW DRUG DEALS HAPPEN.

7 HE SAID YOU GIVE THE DRUG DEALER MONEY AND HE
8 GIVES YOU WHAT HE'S GOING TO GIVE YOU. SO, GUESS WHAT, YOU
9 CAN'T REPORT YOUR DRUG DEALER TO THE BETTER BUSINESS
10 BUREAU. YOU CAN'T REPORT A DRUG DEALER TO THE FEDERAL
11 TRADE COMMISSION. YOU CAN'T CALL THE POLICE AND SAY MY
12 DRUG DEALER SHORTED ME, I WANT MY MONEY BACK. YOU GIVE THE
13 DRUG DEALER THE MONEY AND YOU GET WHAT YOU GET. THAT'S HOW
14 DRUG DEALS HAPPEN.

15 NOW IN THIS CASE QUENTIN J. HOLT, THE DEFENDANT
16 SITTING AT THE TABLE OVER THERE, SOLD DRUGS TO JOE NATHAN
17 LEWIS TWICE, ONCE ON JUNE 17TH AND ONCE ON JUNE 20TH.
18 THOSE TWO THINGS WERE A CRIME; THOSE TWO THINGS ARE WHY HE
19 IS ON TRIAL HERE TODAY, AND THOSE ARE THE TWO THINGS THAT
20 YOU ALL NEED TO PASS JUDGMENT, DECIDE WHETHER HE IS GUILTY
21 OR WHETHER HE IS NOT GUILTY. I'M ASKING YOU TO COME BACK
22 AND SAY THAT QUENTIN J. HOLT SOLD DRUGS TO JOE NATHAN LEWIS
23 ON JUNE 17TH AND ON JUNE 20TH, THAT HE SOLD CRACK COCAINE.

24 WHAT HAVE I GIVEN TO YOU TO PROVE THAT THAT IS
25 TRUE? JOE NATHAN LEWIS STOOD UP HERE AND HE TOLD YOU THAT

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1 IT HAPPENED. HE WAS DIRECT. HE ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS
2 WITH A SIMPLE YES OR NO. HE DIDN'T GIVE DIFFERENT ANSWERS
3 TO THE SAME QUESTION. HE GAVE YOU SIMPLE DIRECT ANSWERS.

4 NOW THE MAN'S GOT A RECORD, HE HAD AN ARMED
5 ROBBERY 20 YEARS AGO, GOD KNOWS, HE'S GOT SOME STICKY
6 FINGERS AND HE LIKES TO SHOPLIFT. I'M NOT TRYING TO HIDE
7 THAT, TOLD YOU BEFORE WE STARTED DRUG DEALERS SELL DRUGS TO
8 KNOWN ASSOCIATES, AND GUESS WHAT, WE DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON
9 JUST JOE LEWIS STANDING UP HERE AND SAYING THAT HE BOUGHT
10 DRUGS FROM QUENTIN HOLT. WE CAN VERIFY IT. HOW ARE WE
11 GOING TO VERIFY IT?

12 YOU HEARD DEPUTY GRANT TELL YOU THAT HE SEARCHED
13 JOE LEWIS. HE SEARCHED HIM BEFORE HE LEFT AND HE SEARCHED
14 HIM WHEN HE CAME BACK. BEFORE HE LEFT HE HAD NO DRUGS ON
15 HIM. BEFORE JOE LEWIS LEFT THE PRESENCE OF DEPUTY GRANT
16 ALL HE HAD ON HIM WAS THE \$50 THAT DEPUTY GRANT GAVE TO
17 HIM. HE TOLD YOU THEY DON'T LET HIM CARRY EXTRA CASH, THEY
18 DON'T LET HIM CARRY ANYTHING EXTRA. JOE LEWIS LEFT THE
19 PRESENCE ON FOOT, LEFT THE PRESENCE OF AGENT GRANT. HE
20 WALKED, BY EVERYBODY'S ADMISSION, HE WALKED OVER TO COUNTY
21 LINE ROAD TO THIS AREA CALLED HOLT PLANTATION WHERE ALL THE
22 HOLT'S LIVE. EVEN QUENTIN HOLT TOLD YOU THAT, HOLT
23 PLANTATION IS OFF [REDACTED] DEPUTY GRANT WATCHED
24 HIM WALK IN THAT DIRECTION.

25 NOW HERE'S ANOTHER THING WE'VE LEARNED, ALTHOUGH

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1 THIS IS COMMON SENSE, THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT CANNOT SIT
2 IN THEIR SUV, THEIR COUNTY ISSUED SUV RIGHT OUTSIDE OF A
3 DRUG DEALERS HOUSE AND EXPECT A DRUG DEAL TO GO DOWN. IT'S
4 NOT GOING TO WORK, SO HE WAS PARKED BESIDE THE ROAD SO HE
5 COULD KEEP AN EYE ON HIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT BUT NOT
6 BLOW HIS COVER. SO THEY WATCHED HIM WALK DOWN THE ROAD
7 TOWARDS HOLT PLANTATION, A FEW MINUTES LATER JOE LEWIS CAME
8 BACK FROM THE DIRECTION OF HOLT PLANTATION, WENT STRAIGHT
9 TO DEPUTY GRANT. DEPUTY GRANT SEARCHED HIM AGAIN. HE
10 DIDN'T HAVE THE \$50 ON HIM AND HE HAD THE CRACK COCAINE.
11 THAT IS SOME GOOD VERIFICATION OF WHAT HAPPENED, THAT IS
12 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION, FOLKS.

13 NOW JOE LEWIS TOLD YOU THAT HE WENT TO QUENTIN
14 HOLT'S HOUSE, THAT HE GAVE HIM SOME MONEY AND IN EXCHANGE
15 HE GOT SOME CRACK COCAINE. HE TOLD YOU THAT'S WHAT
16 HAPPENED IN THE FEW MINUTES HE WAS GONE. NOW AGAIN I'VE
17 GOT TO PROVE THAT THAT HAPPENED SO I'VE GOT THE FACT THAT
18 HE WAS, THAT JOE LEWIS WAS SEARCHED BEFORE AND AFTER,
19 THAT'S VERIFICATION NUMBER ONE. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE
20 ESPECIALLY SKEPTICAL I'VE GOT VERIFICATION NUMBER TWO.
21 FOLKS, THE CRIME WAS RECORDED. WE HAVE THE AUDIO RECORDING
22 OF THE CRIME. MR. MCKNIGHT WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT
23 THIS ALL THEORY AND SPECULATION, WE RECORDED THE CRIME.
24 YA'LL HEARD IT, YOU CAN HEAR IT AGAIN. WHEN YA'LL GO BACK
25 IN THE JURY ROOM IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THOSE RECORDINGS AGAIN

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1 YOU'LL JUST WRITE A NOTE AND ASK THE JUDGE HE'LL LET YOU
2 LISTEN TO IT AGAIN.

3 NOW THIS RECORDINGS, PARTS OF THEM ARE DIFFICULT
4 TO UNDERSTAND. THERE'S CLEARLY SOME SHORTHAND LANGUAGE
5 GOING IN OF PEOPLE WHO'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER. JOE LEWIS TOLD
6 YOU THESE FOLKS HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR TEN YEARS, THAT
7 HE'D BEEN MY DRUG DEALER FOR TEN YEARS, I'VE KNOWN HIM, SO
8 THERE'S NOT THE FORMALITY OF A STRANGER HERE AND SOME OF IT
9 IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.

10 LET ME TELL YOU, THOUGH, FROM THOSE RECORDINGS
11 WHAT I WANT YOU TO PAY ATTENTION TO. ON THE JUNE 17TH
12 RECORDING THE VERY FIRST THING YOU HEAR, (KNOCKING), HEY,
13 BARLEY, THAT'S THE FIRST YOU HEAR. YOU HEARD JOE LEWIS
14 TELL YOU THAT BARLEY IS QUENTIN HOLT'S NICKNAME SO YOU KNOW
15 WHO IT WAS.

16 THE OTHER THING YOU HEAR FROM THAT JUNE 17TH
17 RECORDING YOU HEAR SOME PROFANITY, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR
18 YA'LL TO HAVE TO SIT THROUGH THAT, AND THEN YOU HEAR
19 QUENTIN HOLT SAY, HEY, YOU NEED A GRAM. THAT'S THE UNIT
20 THAT THEY SELL CRACK COCAINE IN IS A GRAM. HEY, YOU NEED A
21 GRAM AND JOE LEWIS SAYS, YEAH.

22 THEN ON THE JUNE 17TH RECORDING THEY PROCEED TO
23 TALK ABOUT THE DRUG TRADE. THEY TALK ABOUT HOW IT COSTS
24 THIS ONE TIME HE TRIED TO BUY AN 8, THAT'S AN 8 BALL, TRIED
25 TO BUY AN 8 AND IT COST \$150 BUT HIS DEALER WANTED TO

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1 CHARGE HIM OUNCE FOR OUNCE. THEY'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT
2 SUGAR HERE. WE DON'T MEASURE SUGAR IN GRAMS. WE DON'T
3 MEASURE SUGAR IN OUNCES. WE DON'T MEASURE IN 8 BALLS.
4 THAT'S THE FIRST RECORDING.

5 THE SECOND RECORDING ON JUNE 20TH WHEN YOU LISTEN
6 TO THAT THERE'S LOTS THAT YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND AND THERE'S
7 SOME TALK ABOUT SOME YARD WORK. THERE'S SOME OTHER THINGS
8 GOING ON, CLEARLY THESE FOLKS KNOW EACH OTHER. LET ME TELL
9 YOU WHAT ELSE YOU HEAR, YOU HEAR QUENTIN HOLT AT FIRST HE
10 SAYS, MAN, I CAN'T SELL YOU A WHOLE GRAM. REMEMBER JOE
11 LEWIS TOLD YOU HE DIDN'T WANT TO SELL IT TO HIM THAT WAY
12 CAUSE HE WANTED TO MAKE MORE MONEY BY SPLITTING IT UP IN
13 SMALLER AMOUNTS. JOE LEWIS EXPLAINED TO YOU WHAT THE WHOLE
14 CONVERSATION WAS ABOUT AND THEN AT THE END OF IT HE JUST
15 GAVE HIM \$50 AND HOPED FOR THE BEST CAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU
16 DO WITH A DRUG DEALER CAUSE YOU CAN'T REPORT YOUR DRUG
17 DEALER TO THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU AND WHEN YOU NEED
18 CRACK COCAINE YOU HAND OVER THE MONEY AND YOU GET WHAT YOU
19 GET.

20 YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE IS ON THAT JUNE 20TH TAPE YOU
21 HEAR JOE LEWIS SAY LOOK AT LITTLE QUENTIN, WELL WHO'S
22 LITTLE QUENTIN? YOU HEARD QUENTIN HOLT SAY HIS YOUNGEST
23 SON'S NAME WAS QUENTIN. WELL THAT'S SOME INDEPENDENT
24 VERIFICATION AS TO WHO IT WAS.

25 WELL WHY ELSE ARE WE GOING TO BELIEVE JOE LEWIS?

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT QUESTIONED JOE LEWIS VERY AGGRESSIVELY. HE
2 WANTED TO KNOW WHAT COLOR WERE THOSE WALLS, WHAT COLOR WERE
3 THOSE, HE SAID ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THE
4 KITCHEN. JOE LEWIS THOUGHT FOR A WHILE, NOW KEEP IN MIND
5 DEPUTY GRANT TOLD YOU THAT JOE LEWIS DID 20 TO 30 DIFFERENT
6 UNDERCOVER BUYS, BUT JOE LEWIS THOUGHT ABOUT IT, HE SAID,
7 IN THE KITCHEN THERE'S A STOVE, THERE COUNTERTOP, THERE'S A
8 WINDOW WITH CURTAINS, AND THERE'S BROWN WALLS.

9 FOLKS, I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS BACK IN THE JURY
10 ROOM AND LOOK AT EXACTLY WHAT JOE LEWIS DESCRIBED, WINDOW,
11 THE CURTAINS, AND A BROWN COLORED WALL. MR. MCKNIGHT TOLD
12 YOU THIS WAS A PINK WALL. I'M NOT GOING TO STAND HERE AND
13 ARGUE OVER THAT, YA'LL ALL HAVE EYES AND THAT'S YOUR JOB IS
14 TO EVALUATE THE EVIDENCE. WHAT I SEE IS BROWNISH COLOR
15 WALL AND SOME CURTAINS JUST LIKE JOE LEWIS SAID THERE WOULD
16 BE THERE.

17 MR. MCKNIGHT WANTS TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING
18 ABOUT THE ADDRESS, [REDACTED] VERSUS [REDACTED] JOE LEWIS TOLD YOU
19 I DON'T KNOW THE ADDRESS, I KNOW IT'S ON [REDACTED]
20 AND I KNOW I WENT TO QUENTIN HOLT'S HOUSE. FOLKS, THAT'S
21 ALL I NEED TO PROVE. JOE LEWIS WAS UNEQUIVOCABLE ABOUT
22 THAT, I WENT TO QUENTIN HOLT'S HOUSE.

23 NOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET HUNG UP ON THE
24 ADDRESS, YOU WANT TO FOCUS ON THE ADDRESS, MY OFFICERS SAY
25 IT HAPPENED AT [REDACTED]. QUENTIN HOLT COMES IN TODAY AND SAYS

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1 WELL I DON'T LIVE THERE, I LIVE AT [REDACTED] AND I CAN PROVE
2 IT. WHAT DID HE BRING US TO PROVE IT, DOCUMENTATION FROM
3 THREE DAYS AFTER THE CRIME THAT HE LIVED, THAT HE MOVED
4 INTO [REDACTED] FOLKS, THIS DON'T PROVE ANYTHING.

5 ALSO QUENTIN HOLT COULDN'T GIVE YOU A STRAIGHT
6 ANSWER AS TO WHEN HE MOVED INTO THAT PLACE. HE GAVE US
7 THREE DIFFERENT ANSWERS AND THAT'S BEFORE I STOOD UP.
8 FIRST HE SAID HE HAD BEEN THERE A YEAR LAST SEPTEMBER AND
9 HIS ATTORNEY MR. MCKNIGHT GOES WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, YOU
10 WEREN'T THERE LAST SEPTEMBER WERE YOU, WHEN WERE YOU
11 ACTUALLY THERE, HE SAID, OH, NO, I WAS THERE IN APRIL, AND
12 THEN HE SHOWS YOU DOCUMENTATION THAT SAYS HE MOVED IN IN
13 JUNE, JUNE 23RD, THREE DAYS AFTER THE CRIME.

14 WHAT ELSE IS INTERESTING ON THIS DOCUMENTATION
15 THIS IS A RECEIPT FOR MR. HOLT THREE DAYS AFTER THE CRIME,
16 PAID \$100 FOR A MOBILE HOME FEE. JOE LEWIS PAID HIM \$50 ON
17 JUNE 17TH; HE PAID HIM \$50 ON JUNE 20TH, AND ON JUNE 23RD
18 QUENTIN J. HOLT PAID \$100 FOR THIS MOBILE HOME FEE.

19 NOW YOU HEARD DEPUTY GRANT TELL YOU THAT HE
20 WORKED WITH JOE LEWIS IN 20 TO 30 SEPARATE DRUG BUSTS, THAT
21 EVERY TIME JOE LEWIS WAS RELIABLE. EVERY TIME HE SAID HE
22 WAS GOING TO DO WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO. HE DIDN'T STEAL
23 FROM THEM. HE SHOWED UP WHEN HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SHOW
24 UP AND HE WAS A RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. THAT'S
25 THE WAY THESE DRUG OPERATIONS WORK CAUSE YOU USE

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1 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS AND YOU HAVE INDEPENDENT
2 VERIFICATIONS.

3 NOW MR. MCKNIGHT WANTS TO MAKE A VERY BIG DEAL
4 OUT OF THESE PICTURES, THE FACT THAT THE PICTURES ARE
5 MISSING. DON'T NEED PICTURES OF DRUGS, GOT THE DRUGS. IF
6 THE DRUGS WERE MISSING THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM THAT I DON'T
7 HAVE PICTURES OF THE DRUGS BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO SEE A
8 PICTURE OF THE DRUGS BECAUSE THESE ARE THE ACTUAL DRUGS
9 THAT WERE SOLD, ONE ON JUNE 17TH, ONE ON JUNE 20TH. YOU
10 HEARD ALL OF MY WITNESSES TELL YOU ALL OF THE LENGTHS THAT
11 THEY WENT TO TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE DRUGS DO NOT GET MIXED
12 UP WITH ANY OTHER DRUGS, THAT THESE DRUGS DO NOT GET
13 TAMPERED WITH, THAT THESE DRUGS DO NOT GET ALTERED UNTIL
14 THEY WERE TESTED TO VERIFY THAT THEY WERE IN FACT ILLEGAL
15 SUBSTANCES. I DON'T NEED PICTURES OF THE DRUGS, FOLKS,
16 I'VE GOT THE DRUGS.

17 YOU HEARD MARIBETH BURROUGHS, SHE WAS SO PATIENT
18 WITH US YESTERDAY, A LAB TECH, A SCIENTIST FROM THE STATE
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. I'M NOT A SCIENTIST, MR.
20 MCKNIGHT IS NOT A SCIENTIST, AND SHE HAD TO EXPLAIN THINGS
21 TO US SEVERAL TIMES, BUT HERE'S WHAT I GOT, HERE'S WHAT I
22 TOOK OUT OF IT. SHE PERFORMED TWO TESTS, ONE WAS A
23 PRELIMINARY TEST. THE PRELIMINARY TEST IS WHERE YOU PUT
24 THE CHEMICAL IN AND IF IT'S CRACK COCAINE IT TURNS A COLOR.
25 THAT TEST WAS POSITIVE. SHE THEN MOVED ON TO THE

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1 CONFIRMATORY TEST WHICH NO ONE CAN PRONOUNCE, THE GAS
2 SPECTROMETRY, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THAT TEST LOOKED AT THE
3 SPECTRUM OF THE IONS. SHE PERFORMED THAT TEST AGAINST A
4 KNOWN SAMPLE OF COCAINE THAT SHE BOUGHT, THAT THEY BUY FROM
5 A LAB, A CHEMICAL LAB, AND THIS TESTED POSITIVE FOR CRACK
6 COCAINE. SHE SAID YOU KNOW IT'S CRACK COCAINE BECAUSE IT
7 DOESN'T DISSOLVE IN WATER. POWDER COCAINE DISSOLVES IN
8 WATER. NOW I MAY HAVE MESSED THAT SCIENCE UP A LITTLE BIT
9 BUT I THINK THAT'S THE GIST OF IT.

10 THEY TALKED A LOT ABOUT HER TURNING HER
11 INSTRUMENT YESTERDAY BUT FINALLY WHAT WE GOT OUT OF IT IS
12 IF THE, WE TUNE THE INSTRUMENT WE TEST IT TO MAKE SURE IT
13 WORKS AND THAT THE INSTRUMENT GETS TUNED ONCE A WEEK AND
14 THAT SHE'S NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT.

15 IT'S CRACK COCAINE, CAME FROM QUENTIN HOLT. HE
16 SOLD IT TO JOE LEWIS WHO GAVE IT TO AGENT GRANT WHO THEN
17 HAD IT TESTED BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. IT'S
18 CRACK COCAINE.

19 NOW TODAY DURING TRIAL MR. HOLT WAS THE ONLY ONE
20 IN THIS ROOM WITH ANY REASON TO LIE, THE ONLY ONE WITH ANY
21 MOTIVATION TO LIE. ALL OF A SUDDEN AFTER A YEAR OF BEING
22 CHARGED WITH A CRIME HE COMES FORWARD WITH A TIME SHEET,
23 THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE MATLOCK MOMENT, CAME UP WITH A
24 TIME SHEET. FOLKS, WHEN YOU'RE BACK IN THAT JURY ROOM
25 YOU'LL HAVE THIS WITH YOU. I WANT YOU TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK

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1 AT THIS TIME SHEET AND NOTICE SEVERAL THINGS.

2 FIRST OF ALL THE NAME OF MR. HOLT'S COMPANY IS
3 NOT ON THE TIME SHEET. THE ONLY MARKINGS ON THIS TIME
4 SHEET WERE MADE BY QUENTIN HOLT WHERE HE WROTE HIS NAME AND
5 A STAMP WHERE THERE'S A DATE AND THERE'S A TIME. THIS IS
6 WHAT WE CALL UNRELIABLE DOCUMENT. YOU CAN WALK INTO ANY
7 STAPLES, YOU CAN WALK ANY HOME DEPOT YOU CAN PURCHASE A
8 TIME CARD, YOU CAN PURCHASE A TIME CLOCK AND YOU CAN STAMP
9 THEM FOR WHATEVER TIMES YOU WANT. YOU CAN SET THE CLOCK
10 AND YOU CAN STAMP IT, THIS WAS PRODUCED TODAY, BUT LET'S
11 MOVE ON FROM THAT.

12 TWO DATES IN QUESTION, THERE'S A LOT OF DATES ON
13 HERE, TWO DATES THAT ARE RELEVANT. JUNE 17TH MR. HOLT WAS
14 ON THAT STAND AND MR. HOLT TOLD YOU THAT ON JUNE 17TH HE
15 WORKED IN THE AFTERNOON. HE TOLD YOU THAT HE WORKED FROM
16 3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON UNTIL 11:00 P.M. ON JUNE 17TH. THE
17 TIME SHEET SAYS 3 TO 11 BUT THEY'RE IN THE A.M. SECTION;
18 THEY'RE NOT IN THE P.M. SECTION. THAT'S NOT AN ALIBI,
19 FOLKS, DOESN'T PROVE THAT HE WAS ANYWHERE, PROVES THAT WITH
20 A SHEET THAT HAS THE NUMBER 3 AND THE NUMBER 11 AND AN A.M.
21 SECTION, THAT'S ALL THAT PROVES, AND BESIDES IF HE GETS OFF
22 ON JUNE 17TH AT 11:00 HE'S HOME IN PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE
23 THIS DRUG BUY, MAKE THIS SALE. HOW DO WE KNOW HE MADE THE
24 SELL, WE'VE GOT IT ON TAPE.

25 JUNE 20TH, THAT'S THE SECOND PAGE, IT'S THE LAST

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1 ENTRY ON THIS TIME SHEET. NOW THIS SAYS THAT ON JUNE THE
2 19TH HE CLOCKED IN AT 11 AND THAT ON JUNE 20TH HE CLOCKED
3 OUT AT 3. MR. MCKNIGHT WANTS YOU TO THINK THAT I'VE NEVER
4 WORKED A DOUBLE. THAT'S NOT MY ISSUE, MY ISSUE IS WITH THE
5 TIME SHEET IS THAT IF IT WAS THE NEXT DAY HERE'S THE CLOCK
6 IN DATE HERE'S THE CLOCK OUT DATE, IF IT WAS THE NEXT DAY
7 SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE ON THIS NEXT LINE. AND HOW ABOUT
8 THIS, EVERY TIME I'VE EVER TOUCHED A TIME CLOCK YOU CLOCK
9 IN AND OUT FOR BREAKS, FOR LUNCH, 15 MINUTE BREAKS. YOU
10 REALLY GOING TO WORK FROM 11:00 AT NIGHT UNTIL 3:00 THE
11 NEXT AFTERNOON AND IT'S GOING TO BE RECORDED LIKE THIS MOST
12 BOSSES ARE GOING TO WANT THEIR PERMANENT LABOR TO BE ABLE
13 TO SEE THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO TAKE YOUR HALF HOUR BREAKS AT
14 APPROPRIATE TIMES. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE HAVE HERE. WHAT WE
15 HAVE HERE IS ONE CLOCK ON AND ONE CLOCK OUT FROM A TIME
16 CLOCK SOMEWHERE. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TIME CLOCK WAS;
17 WE DON'T KNOW HOW THIS DOCUMENT GOT CREATED. WE KNOW THAT
18 THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT THIS TIME SHEET IN TODAY HAS EVERY
19 INCENTIVE IN THE WORLD TO LIE AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE IN THIS
20 COURTROOM THAT DOES.

21 NOW MR. MCKNIGHT WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT
22 QUENTIN HOLT IS REFORMED, THAT HE HAD SEEN THE ERROR OF HIS
23 WAYS, THAT HE HAS A GOOD JOB, AND THAT HE'S NO LONGER
24 DEALING DRUGS. YOU HEARD JOE LEWIS TELL YOU ABOUT THE DRUG
25 DEALS. YOU HEARD THE DEFENDANT HIMSELF TELL YOU HE'S GOT

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1 THREE KIDS TO SUPPORT, KIDS ARE EXPENSIVE, AND SO HE JUST
2 BOUGHT A MOBILE HOME IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS, AND BESIDES
3 ALL THAT THE DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY IS UNRELIABLE. THE
4 DEFENDANT HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY IN THE PAST. THE
5 DEFENDANT HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF FAILURE TO STOP FOR A BLUE
6 LIGHT, OF TWO OTHER DRUG DISTRIBUTION CHARGES, ALL OF THOSE
7 MAKE HIM UNRELIABLE AS A WITNESS, THAT PLUS THE FACT THAT
8 HE HAS EVERY REASON TO LIE.

9 NOW WHAT IS REASONABLE DOUBT? I HAVE TO PROVE TO
10 YOU THAT THE DEFENDANT SOLD DRUGS TO JOE LEWIS, THAT HE
11 SOLD CRACK COCAINE JUNE 17TH AND JUNE 20TH. I HAVE TO
12 PROVE THAT TO YOU BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. WHAT'S
13 REASONABLE DOUBT? IT'S A DOUBT TO WHICH YOU CAN ASSIGN A
14 REASON. WHAT'S A REASON? REASON IS NOT A POSSIBILITY,
15 REASON IS NOT A THEORY; A REASON IS NOT A CONSPIRACY,
16 THEORY THAT SOMEBODY MAKES UP. A REASON IS A DOUBT TO
17 WHICH, REASONABLE DOUBT IS A DOUBT TO WHICH YOU CAN ASSIGN
18 A REASON, YOU COULD EXPLAIN IT TO SOMEBODY. YOU CAN SAY
19 THIS RIGHT HERE, THIS CONCRETE THING THAT IS WHY I
20 HESITATED TO ACT.

21 MR. MCKNIGHT TALKS ABOUT THE KID, I LOVE THIS
22 VISUAL THAT HE GAVE YA'LL, I LOVE IT. YOU FIND YOUR COOKIE
23 JAR EMPTY, YOU FIND THE KID IN THE KITCHEN, AND WITH CRUMBS
24 ALL OVER HIS SHIRT. HE SAYS, IT WASN'T ME, I BELIEVE
25 THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE. NOW I DON'T HAVE KIDS

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1 YET, I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF MORE MONTHS TO GO, I DO HAVE A
2 DOG, THE DOG HAS WHITE PAWS AND AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK I WALK
3 OUT IN THE BACKYARD AND HIS WHITE PAWS ARE PITCH BLACK AND
4 THEY'VE GOT DIRT ALL OVER THEM AND THERE'S A HOLE RIGHT
5 THERE AND THERE'S DIRT RIGHT ON MY DOG'S SNOUT. THERE'S A
6 HOLE, RIGHT, HE'S STANDING RIGHT OVER THE HOLE AND AS SOON
7 AS I OPEN THAT BACK DOOR AND I LOOK OUT THERE THE DOG
8 FREEZES AND LOOKS UP AS IF TO SAY TO ME I'VE DONE NOTHING
9 WRONG. SOMETIMES HE LOOKS OVER HIS SHOULDER LIKE IT WASN'T
10 ME, IT WAS THAT SQUIRREL OVER THERE THAT DUG THE HOLE.
11 THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT GOING ON HERE, FOLKS.

12 YOU'VE GOT TO RELY ON YOUR COMMON SENSE. YOU'VE
13 GOT TO RELY ON YOUR GUT JUST LIKE MR. MCKNIGHT SAYS.
14 COMMON SENSE AND YOUR GUT IS GOING TO TELL YOU THAT THE
15 STATE HAS PROVEN THAT QUENTIN J. HOLT SOLD CRACK COCAINE TO
16 JOE LEWIS ON JUNE 17TH AND ON JUNE 20TH. YOU WANT THE
17 COOKIE CRUMBS AS PROOF? WE'VE GOT THE TESTIMONY OF JOE
18 LEWIS. WE'VE GOT THE FACTS THAT HE WAS SEARCHED BEFORE AND
19 AFTER THE BUY. WE'VE GOT THE VISUAL SURVEILLANCE OF THE
20 OFFICERS AND WE'VE GOT IT ON TAPE. WE'RE ON THE TAPE ON
21 JUNE 20TH WHERE JOE LEWIS SAYS, HEY, HOW'S LITTLE Minor 3,
22 ON JUNE 17TH WHERE HE KNOCKS ON THE DOOR AND SAYS HEY,
23 BARLEY. WE'VE GOT DISCUSSION OF THE DRUG TRADE. FOLKS,
24 THESE ARE ALL CRUMBS. THEY'RE ALL THE CRUMBS THAT YOU'RE
25 GOING TO USE TO RELY ON YOUR COMMON SENSE AND YOUR

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1 INSTINCTS THAT THIS MAN SOLD DRUGS ON TWO SEPARATE
2 OCCASIONS, THAT HE SOLD CRACK COCAINE, THAT HE SOLD CRACK
3 COCAINE TO JOE NATHAN LEWIS, AND I ASK YOU TO RETURN WITH A
4 VERDICT OF GUILTY ON BOTH COUNTS.

5 JURY CHARGE

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ALL
7 OF THE EVIDENCE TO BE PRESENTED IN THIS CASE HAS NOW BEEN
8 PRESENTED TO YOU. THE ATTORNEYS HAVE MADE THEIR CLOSING
9 ARGUMENTS AND NOW IS THE TIME OF THE TRIAL WHERE I CHARGE
10 YOU WITH THE LAW TO BE APPLIED IN THIS CASE.

11 NOW THE INDICTMENTS IN THIS CASE CHARGE THE
12 DEFENDANT WITH TWO COUNTS OF DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE.
13 I REMIND YOU THAT THE FACT THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS ARRESTED,
14 CHARGED, AND INDICTED IN THIS CASE IS NOT EVIDENCE IN THIS
15 CASE AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED BY YOU AS EVIDENCE OF GUILT
16 IN THIS CASE, NOR DO THE INDICTMENTS CREATE ANY PRESUMPTION
17 OR INFERENCE OF GUILT.

18 THESE DOCUMENTS ARE SIMPLY THE FORMAL WRITTEN
19 INSTRUMENTS WHICH CONTAIN THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE
20 DEFENDANT. THEY ARE THE FORMAL DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THIS
21 CASE IS BROUGHT INTO THIS COURT.

22 EACH INDICTMENT CHARGES A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT
23 OFFENSE. YOU MUST DECIDE EACH INDICTMENT SEPARATELY ON THE
24 EVIDENCE AND THE LAW APPLICABLE TO IT, UNINFLUENCED BY YOUR
25 DECISION AS TO THE OTHER INDICTMENT.

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1 THE DEFENDANT MAY BE CONVICTED OR ACQUITTED ON
2 ONE OR BOTH OF THE OFFENSES CHARGED.

3 YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WRITE A SEPARATE VERDICT OF
4 GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY FOR EACH INDICTMENT.

5 THE DEFENDANT HAS PLED NOT GUILTY TO BOTH OF
6 THESE INDICTMENTS. THAT PLEA PUTS THE BURDEN ON THE STATE
7 TO PROVE THE DEFENDANT GUILTY.

8 A PERSON CHARGED WITH COMMITTING A CRIMINAL
9 OFFENSE IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS NEVER REQUIRED TO PROVE HIS
10 INNOCENCE.

11 I CHARGE YOU THAT THE DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL
12 TRIAL NO MATTER WHAT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CHARGES MAY BE
13 WILL ALWAYS BE PRESUMED TO BE INNOCENT OF THE CRIMES FOR
14 WHICH THE INDICTMENTS WERE ISSUED UNLESS GUILT HAS BEEN
15 PROVEN BY EVIDENCE SATISFYING YOU OF THAT GUILT BEYOND A
16 REASONABLE DOUBT.

17 THIS PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE DOES NOT END WHEN
18 YOU BEGIN YOUR DELIBERATIONS BUT IT ACCOMPANIES THE
19 DEFENDANT THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL UNTIL YOU REACH A VERDICT OF
20 GUILT BASED ON EVIDENCE SATISFYING YOU OF THAT GUILT BEYOND
21 A REASONABLE DOUBT.

22 THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE IS LIKE A ROBE OF
23 RIGHTEOUSNESS PLACED ABOUT THE SHOULDERS OF THE DEFENDANT
24 WHICH REMAINS WITH THE DEFENDANT UNTIL IT HAS BEEN STRIPPED
25 FROM THE DEFENDANT BY EVIDENCE SATISFYING YOU OF THE

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1 DEFENDANT'S GUILT BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.

2 THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE IS NOT A MERE LEGAL
3 THEORY. IT'S NOT JUST A LEGAL PHRASE. IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL
4 RIGHT TO WHICH EVERY DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED UNLESS YOU THE
5 JURY ARE SATISFIED FROM EVIDENCE OF THE DEFENDANT'S GUILT
6 BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.

7 NOW WHAT IS REASONABLE DOUBT IN THE LAW? A
8 REASONABLE DOUBT IS THE KIND OF DOUBT THAT WOULD CAUSE A
9 REASONABLE PERSON TO HESITATE TO ACT.

10 PROOF BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT IS PROOF THAT
11 LEAVES YOU FIRMLY CONVINCED OF THE DEFENDANT'S GUILT. WE
12 KNOW VERY FEW THINGS IN THIS WORLD WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY
13 AND IN CRIMINAL CASES THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE PROOF THAT
14 OVERCOMES EVERY POSSIBLE DOUBT. IF BASED ON YOUR
15 CONSIDERATION OF THE EVIDENCE YOU ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT
16 THE IS GUILTY OF THE CRIME WITH WHICH HE HAS BEEN CHARGED
17 YOU MUST FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY.

18 IF ON THE OTHER HAND YOU THINK THERE IS A REAL
19 POSSIBILITY THAT THE DEFENDANT IS NOT GUILTY YOU MUST GIVE
20 THE DEFENDANT THE BENEFIT OF THAT DOUBT AND FIND HIM NOT
21 GUILTY.

22 I REMIND YOU THAT DURING THIS TRIAL YOU AND I
23 HAVE CERTAIN DUTIES TO PERFORM. AS THE TRIAL JUDGE MY
24 RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PRESIDE OVER THE TRIAL IN THIS CASE.
25 I ALSO HAVE THE DUTY TO RULE ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF

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1 EVIDENCE OFFERED DURING THIS TRIAL.

2 YOU ARE TO CONSIDER ONLY THE COMPETENT EVIDENCE
3 BEFORE YOU. IF ANY TESTIMONY IS ORDERED STRICKEN FROM THE
4 RECORD IN THIS CASE DURING THIS TRIAL YOU MUST DISREGARD
5 THAT TESTIMONY. YOU ARE TO CONSIDER ONLY THE TESTIMONY
6 WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED FROM THE WITNESS STAND AND ANY
7 EXHIBITS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE A PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS
8 CASE.

9 I HAVE THE ADDITIONAL DUTY TO CHARGE YOU THE LAW
10 APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE. AS THE PRESIDING JUDGE I AM THE
11 SOLE JUDGE OF THE LAW IN THIS CASE AND YOUR DUTY AS JURORS
12 IS TO ACCEPT AND APPLY THE LAW AS I NOW STATE IT TO YOU.
13 IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS TO WHAT THE LAW IS OR WHAT THE LAW
14 OUGHT TO BE AND YOUR IDEA DIFFERS FROM WHAT I NOW TELL YOU
15 THE LAW IS YOU MUST ABANDON YOUR IDEA OF WHAT THE LAW IS OR
16 OUGHT TO BE BECAUSE YOU ARE SWORN TO ACCEPT THE LAW AND
17 APPLY THE LAW EXACTLY AS I STATE IT TO YOU.

18 IN EVERY CASE TRIED IN THIS COURT BEFORE A JURY
19 THE JURY IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE JUDGE OF THE FACTS IN
20 THE CASE. A TRIAL JUDGE CANNOT INTIMATE, STATE, COMMENT
21 ON, OR MAKE ANY STATEMENT TO A TRIAL JURY ABOUT THE FACTS
22 IN A CASE. SINCE YOU THE JURY ARE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE
23 FACTS IN THIS CASE YOU ARE NOT TO INFER FROM WHAT I HAVE
24 SAID DURING THE PROGRESS OF THIS TRIAL IN RULING UPON THE
25 ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE OR OTHERWISE OR ANYTHING THAT I

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1 SAY NOW DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INSTRUCTION TO YOU THAT I
2 HAVE ANY OPINION ABOUT THE FACTS IN THIS CASE. THE LAW
3 DOES NOT ALLOW ME TO HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THE FACTS IN
4 THIS CASE. THIS MATTER IS SOLELY FOR YOU THE JURY TO
5 DETERMINE.

6 AS JURORS YOUR DUTY IS TO DETERMINE THE AFFECT,
7 THE VALUE, THE WEIGHT, AND THE TRUTH OF THE EVIDENCE
8 PRESENTED DURING THIS TRIAL.

9 NECESSARILY YOU MUST DETERMINE THE CREDIBILITY OF
10 WITNESSES WHO HAVE TESTIFIED IN THIS CASE. CREDIBILITY
11 SIMPLY MEANS BELIEVABILITY. YOUR DUTY AS JURORS IS TO
12 ANALYZE AND TO EVALUATE THE EVIDENCE AND DETERMINE WHICH
13 EVIDENCE CONVINCES YOU OF ITS TRUTH.

14 IN DETERMINING THE BELIEVABILITY OF WITNESSES WHO
15 HAVE TESTIFIED IN THIS CASE YOU MAY BELIEVE ONE WITNESS
16 OVER SEVERAL WITNESSES OR SEVERAL WITNESSES OVER ONE
17 WITNESS. YOU MAY BELIEVE A PART OF THE TESTIMONY OF A
18 WITNESS AND REJECT THE REMAINING PART OF THE TESTIMONY OF
19 THAT SAME WITNESS. YOU MAY BELIEVE THE TESTIMONY OF A
20 WITNESS IN ITS ENTIRETY OR REJECT THE TESTIMONY OF A
21 WITNESS IN ITS ENTIRETY.

22 YOU MAY CONSIDER WHETHER ANY WITNESS HAS
23 EXHIBITED TO YOU ANY INTEREST, BIAS, PREJUDICE OR OTHER
24 MOTIVE IN THIS CASE.

25 YOU MAY ALSO CONSIDER THE APPEARANCE AND MANNER

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1 OF THE WITNESS WHILE ON THE WITNESS STAND.

2 THE RULES OF EVIDENCE ORDINARILY DO NOT PERMIT
3 WITNESSES TO TESTIFY AS TO OPINIONS OR CONCLUSIONS. AN
4 EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE EXISTS FOR WITNESSES WE CALL EXPERT
5 WITNESSES. A WITNESS WHO BY EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE HAS
6 BECOME EXPERT IN SOME ART, SCIENCE, PROFESSION, OR CALLING
7 MAY STATE AN OPINION AS TO RELEVANT AND MATERIAL MATTER IN
8 WHICH THE WITNESS CLAIMS TO BE AN EXPERT AND MAY ALSO STATE
9 THE REASONS FOR THE OPINION.

10 YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ANY EXPERT OPINION RECEIVED
11 IN EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE AND LIKE ANY OTHER EVIDENCE GIVE
12 IT THE WEIGHT YOU THINK IT DESERVES. IF YOU DECIDE THAT
13 THE OPINION OF AN EXPERT WITNESS IS NOT BASED ON SUFFICIENT
14 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE OR IF YOU CONCLUDE THAT THE
15 REASONS GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF THE OPINION ARE NOT SOUND OR
16 THAT THE OPINION IS OUTWEIGHED BY OTHER EVIDENCE YOU MAY
17 DISREGARD THE OPINION ENTIRELY.

18 AN EXPERT WITNESSES' TESTIMONY IS TO BE GIVEN NO
19 GREATER WEIGHT THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER WITNESS SIMPLY
20 BECAUSE THE WITNESS IS AN EXPERT. FURTHER YOU ARE NOT
21 REQUIRED TO ACCEPT AN EXPERTS OPINION EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT
22 CONTRADICTED.

23 A PERSON WHO HAS A PAST CRIMINAL RECORD IS
24 COMPETENT TO TESTIFY DURING A TRIAL. A PAST RECORD DOES
25 NOT AFFECT THE ABILITY OF THAT WITNESS TO TESTIFY. THE

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1 PAST RECORD MAY ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY YOU, IF AT ALL, IN
2 DETERMINING THE WITNESSES' BELIEVABILITY. REMEMBER YOU ARE
3 THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE FACTS IN THIS CASE AND THE SOLE JUDGE
4 OF THE BELIEVABILITY OF THE WITNESSES.

5 YOU HAVE HEARD EVIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS
6 CONVICTED OF CRIMES OTHER THAN THE ONES FOR WHICH THE
7 DEFENDANT IS NOW ON TRIAL. THIS EVIDENCE MAY BE CONSIDERED
8 BY YOU IF YOU CONCLUDE IT IS TRUE ONLY IN DECIDING WHETHER
9 THE DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY IS BELIEVABLE AND FOR NO OTHER
10 PURPOSE. YOU MUST NOT CONSIDER THE DEFENDANT'S PRIOR
11 RECORD AS EVIDENCE OF THE DEFENDANT'S GUILT OF THE CHARGES
12 WE ARE TRYING HERE TODAY.

13 IN THIS CASE THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS OF SPOILATION
14 OR DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE. THE STATE NOT ONLY HAS THE
15 BURDEN OF PROOF OF GUILT BUT ALSO IT HAS THE BURDEN OF
16 PRODUCING EVIDENCE WHICH COULD ESTABLISH THE INNOCENCE OF
17 THE DEFENDANT. WHEN EVIDENCE IS LOST OR DESTROYED BY A
18 PARTY YOU MAY INFER THAT THE EVIDENCE WHICH WAS LOST OR
19 DESTROYED BY THAT PARTY WOULD HAVE BEEN ADVERSE TO THAT
20 PARTY. IF YOU FIND, FIRST, THAT EVIDENCE WAS SPOILED OR
21 DESTROYED AND IF YOU FURTHER FIND THAT THE EVIDENCE COULD
22 HELP ESTABLISH THE INNOCENCE OF THE DEFENDANT YOU MAY THEN
23 CONSIDER THOSE FACTS IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE
24 HAS MET ITS BURDEN OF PROOF.

25 THE DEFENDANT IS CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF

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1 DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE, A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
2 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS CRACK OR CRACK COCAINE. UNDER
3 STATE LAW THE DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE IS ILLEGAL.

4 TO PROVE THE DEFENDANT'S GUILT THE STATE MUST
5 PROVE BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THAT THE DEFENDANT
6 DISTRIBUTED COCAINE BASE. FURTHER THE STATE MUST PROVE
7 EACH CHARGE SEPARATELY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.

8 DISTRIBUTE MEANS TO DELIVER OR TO ACTUALLY,
9 CONSTRUCTIVELY OR ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER A DRUG OTHER THAN BY
10 ADMINISTERING OR DISPENSING.

11 DELIVER MEANS TO ACTUALLY, CONSTRUCTIVELY, OR
12 ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER A DRUG.

13 A TRANSFER CAN INVOLVE AN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY, A
14 BARTER, OR A GIFT. THERE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ANYTHING
15 GIVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE DRUGS FOR THE TRANSFER TO
16 CONSTITUTE DISTRIBUTION.

17 NOW THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE VERDICTS FOR EACH
18 INDICTMENT IN THIS CASE. NO SIGNIFICANCE WHATSOEVER IS TO
19 BE GIVEN TO THE ORDER IN WHICH I STATE THESE VERDICTS TO
20 YOU. I SIMPLY MUST STATE ONE POSSIBLE VERDICT FIRST AND
21 ONE POSSIBLE VERDICT SECOND. THE POSSIBLE VERDICTS IN THIS
22 CASE FOR EACH INDICTMENT ARE, WE THE JURY FIND THE
23 DEFENDANT GUILTY OF DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE OR WE THE
24 JURY FIND THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY.

25 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOUR VERDICT MUST BE

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1 UNANIMOUS. MR. [REDACTED], AS FOREPERSON WHEN THE JURY AGREES
2 ON A VERDICT FOR ONE INDICTMENT YOU WILL WRITE THE VERDICT
3 ON THE BACK OF THAT INDICTMENT AND SIGN YOUR NAME AS
4 FOREPERSON.

5 WHEN THE JURY AGREES ON THE VERDICT FOR THE OTHER
6 INDICTMENT YOU WILL WRITE THE VERDICT ON THE BACK OF THAT
7 INDICTMENT AND SIGN YOUR NAME AS FOREPERSON, THEN I ASK
8 THAT YOU KNOCK ON THE JURY ROOM DOOR AND INFORM THE BAILIFF
9 THAT THE JURY HAS REACHED A VERDICT. AT THAT TIME WE'LL
10 BRING YOU BACK INTO THE COURTROOM TO DELIVER YOUR VERDICT.

11 NOW I AM GOING TO EXCUSE YOU BACK INTO THE JURY
12 ROOM AT THIS POINT IN TIME BUT, PLEASE, DO NOT BEGIN YOUR
13 DELIBERATIONS AT THIS TIME. I HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE
14 ATTORNEYS TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY CHALLENGES TO THE
15 INSTRUCTIONS THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU THUS FAR. IF THERE ARE
16 CHALLENGES AND I NEED TO BRING YOU BACK IN TO GIVE YOU
17 ADDITIONAL CHARGES OR CLARIFICATIONS WE'LL DO THAT. IF NOT
18 THEN WE'LL SEND THE INDICTMENTS WITH THE EXHIBITS AND THE
19 BAILIFF INTO THE JURY ROOM AND YOU'LL BE INSTRUCTED AT THAT
20 TIME TO BEGIN YOUR DELIBERATION, SO I'M GOING TO SEND YOU
21 BACK TO THE JURY ROOM BUT, PLEASE, DO NOT BEGIN YOUR
22 DELIBERATIONS UNTIL THE BAILIFF INDICATES THAT YOU CAN
23 BEGIN YOUR DELIBERATIONS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EVERYBODY
24 ELSE, PLEASE, REMAIN SEATED WHILE THE JURY IS EXCUSED.

25 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT

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1 12:11 P.M.)

2 THE COURT: ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE CHARGE BY THE
3 STATE?

4 MS. BAILEY: NONE FROM THE STATE, YOUR HONOR.

5 THE COURT: ANY FROM THE DEFENSE?

6 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
7 HONOR.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S MAKE SURE THAT
9 WE'VE GOT ALL THE EXHIBITS TOGETHER AND THEN WE CAN SEND
10 THE INDICTMENTS WITH THE EXHIBITS BACK TO THE JURY AND YOU
11 CAN TELL THEM TO BEGIN THEIR DELIBERATIONS. HERE'S THE
12 INDICTMENTS.

13 MS. BAILEY: THE STATE HAS NO OBJECTION SINCE
14 THESE ARE ALL SEALED UP LIKE THIS TO SENDING THEM BACK.

15 THE COURT: WHATEVER YA'LL WANT TO DO, DO YOU
16 WANT TO SEND THEM BACK? I MEAN THEY'RE IN EVIDENCE?

17 MS. BAILEY: YES.

18 THE COURT: OKAY.

19 MS. BAILEY: AND DID YOU WANT TO KEEP THESE OUT
20 OR SEND THEM BACK?

21 THE COURT: LET'S JUST GO AHEAD AND PUT THEM IN
22 THERE AND LET THEM SINCE THEY'RE MARKED AS EXHIBITS.

23 ALL RIGHT, AND, MR. LITTLE, WHEN YOU GO IN IF YOU
24 WOULD, PLEASE, BRING THE ALTERNATE [REDACTED] [REDACTED], IF YOU'D
25 BRING HER OUT, PLEASE.

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1 (WHEREUPON, THE VERDICT FORMS AND EXHIBITS WERE
2 DELIVERED TO THE JURY ROOM WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BEGIN
3 DELIBERATIONS BEGAN AT 12:13 P.M. THE ALTERNATE ENTERS THE
4 COURTROOM WITH THE BAILIFF.)

5 THE COURT: I ALWAYS HATE THIS PART OF THE
6 TRIAL. IT'S LIKE YOU GET FANCIED UP FOR THE PARTY AND
7 DON'T GET TO PARTICIPATE. I APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE BUT
8 SINCE YOU WERE AN ALTERNATE AND YOUR SERVICE IS NOT NEEDED
9 BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE WAS EXCUSED FROM THE JURY YOU'LL NOT BE
10 ALLOWED TO DELIBERATE IN THIS CASE. YOU'RE CERTAINLY
11 WELCOME TO STAY WITH US TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS OR IF YOU WANT
12 TO BE EXCUSED --

13 ALTERNATE MS. [REDACTED] I WANT TO HEAR.

14 THE COURT: OKAY, IF YOU WANT TO STAY AND HEAR
15 YOU'RE CERTAINLY WELCOME TO DO SO. IF YOU WANT TO SIT OUT
16 HERE YOU CAN OR I CAN HAVE THEM TREAT YOU TO A PRIVATE ROOM
17 IF YOU WANT TO WHICHEVER YOU PREFER. THAT WILL BE FINE IF
18 YOU WANT TO STEP OUT IN THE HALL OR IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A
19 SEAT RIGHT OVER THERE WHICHEVER YOU PREFER. ALL RIGHT,
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21 (WHEREUPON, THE ALTERNATE WAS EXCUSED.)

22 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY KNOCKED WITH A QUESTION AT
23 12:38 P.M.)

24 THE COURT: I HAD A REQUEST FROM THE JURY THAT
25 WE NEED TO TAKE UP. THEY SENT BACK A SLIP SAID WHAT WAS

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1 THE DATE OF THE ACTUAL ARREST. I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS
2 ANYTHING PUT INTO EVIDENCE IN THAT REGARD, YA'LL CORRECT ME
3 IF I'M WRONG.

4 MR. MCKNIGHT: THERE WASN'T.

5 THE COURT: THERE WASN'T, OKAY. I'M JUST GOING
6 TO THEN WHEN I BRING THEM OUT I'M JUST GOING TO INSTRUCT
7 THEM THAT THAT'S A FACTUAL DETERMINATION, THAT IT'S UP TO
8 THEM TO DECIDE IF THAT IS A RELEVANT MATTER OR DO YOU WANT
9 ME TO INSTRUCT THEM THAT IT'S NOT A RELEVANT MATTER THE
10 DATE OF ARREST; WHAT DO YA'LL --

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: I DON'T ---

12 THE COURT: I HATE ---

13 MR. MCKNIGHT: --- KNOW THAT I AGREE WITH IT
14 IT'S NOT A RELEVANT MATTER, JUST TO TELL THEM TO DISREGARD
15 THAT ISSUE. THAT'S JUST GOING TO RAISE MORE QUESTIONS.

16 MS. BAILEY: YOUR HONOR, I THINK INSTEAD OF
17 MAKING ANY STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER IT'S RELEVANT OR WHETHER
18 TO DISREGARD IT OR NOT DISREGARD IT MAYBE THE SAFEST COURSE
19 WOULD BE TO INSTRUCT THE JURY THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE
20 EVIDENCE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET IN THE CASE.

21 THE COURT: YEAH, I THINK THAT'S IT THAT I'M
22 JUST GOING TO INSTRUCT THEM THAT THEY'VE GOT ALL THE
23 EVIDENCE AND THAT THAT IS A FACTUAL DETERMINATION, THAT
24 NEITHER THE COURT NOR THE ATTORNEYS CAN -- NO, LET ME THINK
25 HOW DO I WANT TO WORD THIS. IT'S NOT IN EVIDENCE BUT IT IS

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1 SOMETHING YOU CAN STIPULATE TO IF YA'LL WANT TO.

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: I DON'T WANT TO STIPULATE TO IT.

3 THE COURT: BUT I MEAN IT'S NOT, IT'S UP TO THE
4 STATE, YOU DIDN'T PRESENT ANYTHING ON IT?

5 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

6 THE COURT: YEAH, I'M JUST GOING TO INSTRUCT
7 THEM THAT THEY'VE GOT ALL THE EVIDENCE AND THAT THAT IS A
8 FACTUAL DETERMINATION THAT'S LEFT UP TO THEM.

9 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THE NEXT IS THEY WOULD
11 LIKE TO HEAR THE AUDIO AGAIN SO WHEN WE BRING THEM BACK IN
12 I'M GOING TO LET THEM PLAY, WE'LL PLAY THE AUDIOS FOR THEM,
13 OKAY, AND THEN BEFORE I SEND THEM BACK OUT I'M GOING TO
14 TELL THEM THAT WE'VE GOT THEM LUNCH AND THEN LIKE I SAY
15 INSTRUCT THEM THAT THEY CAN EITHER DELIBERATE THROUGH LUNCH
16 OR THEY CAN STOP AND EAT LUNCH AND THEN RESUME BUT THEY ALL
17 HAVE TO DO THE SAME THING, OKAY.

18 ANYTHING FROM THE STATE BEFORE WE BRING THE JURY
19 BACK IN?

20 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR, OUR EQUIPMENT IS
21 SET UP TO PLAY THOSE, THEY ACTUALLY HAVE THE CD'S BACK
22 THERE.

23 THE COURT: OKAY, YEAH, WHEN, BAILIFF, WHEN YOU
24 BRING THEM LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THOSE CD'S WITH THEM.

25 ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE BEFORE WE BRING THE

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1 JURY IN?

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
3 HONOR.

4 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S BRING THE JURY IN.
5 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
6 1:15 P.M.)

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
8 WELCOME BACK, I APOLOGIZE FOR KEEPING YOU BACK IN THE JURY
9 ROOM FOR SO LONG BUT WE HAD TO SET UP SOME OF THE STUFF AND
10 GET READY FOR THE AUDIO. WE WILL PLAY THE AUDIO FOR YOU
11 AGAIN.

12 YOUR QUESTION, HOWEVER, WHAT WAS THE DATE OF THE
13 ACTUAL ARREST, THAT IS A FACTUAL DETERMINATION. THAT IS
14 LEFT UP FOR YOU TO DECIDE AND YOU'VE RECEIVED ALL OF THE
15 EVIDENCE THAT IS TO BE PRESENTED IN THIS CASE AND SO IT IS
16 UP TO YOU IF YOU DEEM THAT ISSUE RELEVANT TO BASE IT UPON
17 THE EVIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED.

18 NOW AS TO THE AUDIO HAVE WE GOT THAT SET AND
19 READY FOR THEM TO PLAY?

20 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

22 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 3 PLAYED IN
23 OPEN COURT.)

24 (WHEREUPON, STATE'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4 PLAYED IN
25 OPEN COURT.)

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
2 THOSE ARE THE AUDIOS. I'M GOING TO SEND YOU BACK TO THE
3 JURY ROOM LET YOU RESUME YOUR DELIBERATIONS. NOW WE'VE
4 ORDERED LUNCH FOR YOU AND LUNCH, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S HERE
5 YET, IF IT'S NOT IT SHOULD BE HERE MOMENTARILY. NOW WHEN
6 LUNCH ARRIVES YOU CAN DO ONE OF TWO THINGS. YOU CAN
7 CONTINUE YOUR DELIBERATIONS WHILE YOU EAT LUNCH IF YOU
8 LIKE. IF YOU PREFER YOU CAN STOP YOUR DELIBERATIONS, EAT
9 LUNCH, AND THEN RESUME YOUR DELIBERATIONS WHEN YOU FINISH
10 EATING LUNCH. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT EVERYONE MUST
11 DO THE SAME THING. EITHER ALL OF YOU MUST STOP YOUR
12 DELIBERATIONS EAT LUNCH AND THEN RESUME OR ALL OF YOU MUST
13 CONTINUE YOUR DELIBERATIONS WHILE YOU'RE EATING LUNCH. YOU
14 CAN'T HAVE SOME DELIBERATE AND OTHERS NOT, OKAY, BUT IT'S
15 ENTIRELY UP TO YOU AS TO HOW YOU WANT TO PROCEED WHEN LUNCH
16 GETS HERE. ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE
17 JURY ROOM AND LET YOU RESUME YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

18 MR. FOREMAN: THE QUESTION IS ABOUT TESTIMONY, WE
19 DIDN'T TAKE NOTES.

20 THE COURT: RIGHT.

21 MR. FOREMAN: IT SEEMS THAT WE CAN'T REMEMBER
22 BUT WE THINK THAT WE HEARD, CAN WE ASK ABOUT THAT
23 TESTIMONY?

24 THE COURT: WHAT YOU CAN DO, I CANNOT TELL YOU
25 WHAT WAS OR WAS NOT IN CERTAIN TESTIMONY. WE HAVE THE

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1 TESTIMONY FROM THE COURT REPORTER SO WE CAN PLAY BACK A
2 TESTIMONY IF YOU WISH IT PLAYED BACK BUT WHETHER OR NOT
3 IT'S IN A RECORDED FORM OR SHE WOULD READ IT BACK TO YOU I
4 DON'T KNOW. IT WILL TAKE US A WHILE TO GET SET UP BUT WHAT
5 I WOULD NEED YOU TO DO IS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR SOME
6 OTHER TESTIMONY YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW WHO THE WITNESS IS
7 AND WE WOULD SET IT UP THEN, OKAY, ALL RIGHT.

8 (WHEREUPON, AT 1:26 P.M. THE JURY RETIRED TO THE
9 JURY ROOM AND RESUMED THEIR DELIBERATIONS.)

10 ALL RIGHT, THIS IS THEIR QUESTION, I'M GOING TO
11 MARK THIS AS, THAT WOULD BE COURT'S EXHIBIT 2, ALL RIGHT.

12 (WHEREUPON, COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 2 MARKED FOR
13 IDENTIFICATION.)

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FURTHER?

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

16 MS. BAILEY: NOTHING FROM THE STATE, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND HAND
18 THOSE DISKS BACK TO THEM JUST SO WE KEEP IT WITH ALL THE
19 OTHER EVIDENCE. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE GOING TO WANT TO
20 LISTEN SOME OTHER TESTIMONY OR NOT SO LET'S ALL STICK
21 AROUND KIND OF CLOSE IN CASE THEY DO, OKAY.

22 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S STAND AT RECESS.

24 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY KNOCKED WITH A QUESTION AT
25 1:36 P.M.)

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1 THE COURT: THE QUESTION REQUEST THEY SENT IN,
2 WHICH I THINK I CAN RESPOND BY JUST MY WRITTEN ANSWER AND
3 SENDING IT BACK ON THE NOTE, THEY STATE, "WE NEED THE
4 ACTUAL TIMES OF THE DEALS ON THE 17TH AND THE 20TH, CAN YOU
5 GIVE US THIS INFO OR DO WE NEED TO LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY.
6 WAS THIS SPECIAL AGENT GRANT'S TESTIMONY?" I'VE JUST
7 WRITTEN THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE, I SAID, "YOU HAVE REQUESTED
8 A FACTUAL DETERMINATION THAT ONLY THE JURY CAN DECIDE.
9 ALSO THE COURT CANNOT COMMENT ON THE TESTIMONY OF ANY
10 WITNESS. IF YOU WANT TO HEAR TESTIMONY AGAIN LET THE COURT
11 KNOW WHICH WITNESS OR WITNESSES YOU WANT TO HEAR." DOES
12 THAT SOUND SUFFICIENT?

13 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR.

14 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, SIR.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S MARK THIS AS
16 COURT'S EXHIBIT 3 AND I'LL JUST LET YOU TAKE THAT BACK TO
17 THEM.

18 (WHEREUPON, COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 3 MARKED FOR
19 IDENTIFICATION.)

20 (WHEREUPON, COURT'S RESPONSE DELIVERED TO JURY AT
21 1:51 P.M.)

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WE'LL SIT TIGHT UNTIL WE
23 HEAR SOMETHING BACK. DON'T GO TOO FAR CAUSE THEY MAY WANT
24 TO HEAR SOME TESTIMONY.

25 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY KNOCKED WITH A QUESTION AT

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1 2:27 P.M.)

2 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THE JURY HAS COME BACK
3 WITH ANOTHER REQUEST SAID WE'D LIKE TO HEAR DEPUTY GRANT'S
4 TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE TIMES OF THE BUYS ON THE 17TH AND
5 THE 20TH. SO ALL I KNOW IS LET'S PLAY THEM BACK THE
6 TESTIMONY OF THAT WITNESS. HOW LONG IS THAT TESTIMONY OR
7 DO YOU KNOW?

8 MADAM COURT REPORTER: PROBABLY ABOUT A HALF AN
9 HOUR.

10 THE COURT: OKAY, I'M THINKING LET'S JUST PLAY
11 BACK THE TESTIMONY OF THE OFFICER, HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE
12 YOU TO GET THAT SET UP?

13 MADAM COURT REPORTER: I'VE GOT IT.

14 THE COURT: OH, YOU'VE ALREADY GOT IT, OKAY,
15 WELL GOOD FOR YOU, GOOD JOB, SO CAN WE GO AHEAD AND BRING
16 THEM IN?

17 MADAM COURT REPORTER: GO AHEAD.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

19 MS. BAILEY: WOULD THE COURT MIND ASKING THE
20 JURY IF THEY'VE HEARD ENOUGH THAT THEY COULD SAY SO THEY
21 DON'T HAVE TO SIT THROUGH THE REST OF IT?

22 THE COURT: LET ME HEAR?

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, THAT ASSUMES THAT ALL
24 OF THEM WANT TO HEAR THE SAME THING. THEY MAY BE ASKING
25 FOR THE OFFICER'S TESTIMONY BUT THEY MIGHT BE LISTENING FOR

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1 DIFFERENT. I JUST THINK WE HAVE TO PLAY THE ENTIRE TAPE.

2 THE COURT: YEAH, I'M THINKING WE'LL JUST PLAY
3 IT BACK IN ITS FULL, OKAY, LET'S BRING THE JURY IN.

4 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETURNS TO THE COURTROOM AT
5 2:34 P.M.)

6 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
7 WELCOME BACK, I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO HEAR THE TESTIMONY
8 OF OFFICER GRANT AGAIN; IS THAT CORRECT?

9 ALL RIGHT, WE'VE GOT THAT SET UP AND WE'LL GO
10 AHEAD AND PLAY THAT BACK FOR YOU NOW. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE
11 HEARING IT, I THINK WE'VE GOT THE VOLUME SET. IF YOU CAN'T
12 HEAR IT JUST RAISE YOUR HANDS AND WE'LL TURN UP THE VOLUME,
13 OKAY.

14 (WHEREUPON, TESTIMONY OF DEPUTY REGINALD GRANT IS
15 PLAYED IN OPEN COURT.)

16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THAT'S THE TESTIMONY OF
17 OFFICER GRANT. I'LL EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM AND
18 YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR DELIBERATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19 (WHEREUPON, AT 3:12 P.M. THE JURY RETIRED TO THE
20 JURY ROOM AND RESUMED THEIR DELIBERATIONS.)

21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THIS IS THEIR REQUEST,
22 THAT WILL BE COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4, I THINK. LET'S SEE,
23 I THINK NUMBER 1 WAS THE FOREPERSON'S ELECTION.

24 MADAM COURT REPORTER: THEY HAVE THE OTHER ONE
25 BACK IN THE JURY ROOM.

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1 THE COURT: RIGHT, COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4.

2 ALL RIGHT, DO WE WANT TO GO AHEAD AND DO SOME PLEAS OR WHAT
3 DOES THE SOLICITOR WISH TO DO?

4 (WHEREUPON, COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 4 MARKED FOR
5 IDENTIFICATION.)

6 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY KNOCKED WITH A VERDICT AT
7 3:24 P.M.)

8 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE STATE BEFORE WE
9 BRING THE JURY IN?

10 MS. BAILEY: NO, YOUR HONOR.

11 THE COURT: ANYTHING FROM THE DEFENSE?

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
13 HONOR.

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO AHEAD AND BRING
15 THE JURY IN.

16 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY ENTERED THE COURTROOM AT
17 3:26 P.M. TO DELIVER ITS VERDICT AS TO DEFENDANT QUENTIN J.
18 HOLT.)

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] I UNDERSTAND
20 THE JURY HAS REACHED A VERDICT; IS THAT CORRECT?

21 MR. FOREMAN: YES, SIR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, IF YOU'D PLEASE HAND --
23 HAVE YOU WRITTEN THE VERDICT ON THE BACK OF THE INDICTMENTS
24 AND SIGNED YOUR NAME?

25 MR. FOREMAN: YES, SIR.

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, IF YOU'D PLEASE HAND THAT
2 TO THE BAILIFF. ALL RIGHT, I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO PLEASE
3 PUBLISH THE VERDICTS. ALL RIGHT, MR. HOLT, IF YOU'D PLEASE
4 STAND?

5 MADAM CLERK: THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA V.
6 QUENTIN J. HOLT AS TO INDICTMENT 2010-GS-22-179
7 DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE THE JURY UNANIMOUSLY FIND THE
8 DEFENDANT GUILTY.

9 AS TO INDICTMENT 2010-GS-22-181 DISTRIBUTION OF
10 COCAINE BASE THE JURY UNANIMOUSLY FIND THE DEFENDANT
11 GUILTY.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LET ME SEE THOSE
13 INDICTMENTS FOR A MINUTE BECAUSE I THINK ON BOTH OF THEM, I
14 WANT TO MAKE SURE BOTH OF THEM DEAL WITH DISTRIBUTION OF
15 COCAINE BASE. I THINK SHE HAD SAID COCAINE ON ONE OF THEM
16 BUT BOTH INDICTMENTS READ COCAINE BASE.

17 ALL RIGHT, MR. [REDACTED] IS THIS THE JURY'S
18 VERDICT?

19 MR. FOREMAN: YES, SIR.

20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANY REQUESTS TO POLL THE
21 JURY?

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: WELL, CERTAINLY, YOUR HONOR,
23 PLEASE POLL THE JURY.

24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE
25 DEFENSE HAS REQUESTED A POLLING OF THE JURY. WHAT'S GOING

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1 TO HAPPEN IS I WILL CALL YOUR NAMES OUT ONE AT A TIME AND
2 WHEN I ASK, WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME IF YOU WOULD PLEASE STAND
3 AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO RESPOND TO TWO QUESTIONS. THE
4 FIRST QUESTION WILL BE IS THIS YOUR VERDICT. THE SECOND
5 QUESTION WILL BE IS THIS STILL YOUR VERDICT, OKAY, SO
6 PLEASE STAND AND RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS WHEN I CALL YOUR
7 NAME.

8 JUROR NUMBER 268, [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED]
9 IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

10 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

11 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

12 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER
14 7, [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

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16 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

17 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

18 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

19 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUROR NUMBER
20 250, [REDACTED] MS. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

21 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

22 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

23 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

24 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 30, [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] MS. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

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1 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

2 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

3 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

4 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 50, [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

6 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

7 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

8 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

9 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 206, [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

11 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

12 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

13 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

14 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 11,

15 [REDACTED] MS. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

16 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

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18 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

19 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

20 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 93, [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] MS. [REDACTED] IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

22 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

23 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

24 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

25 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 174, [REDACTED]

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1 ■■■■■. MR. ■■■■■ IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

2 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

3 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

4 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

5 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 68, ■■■■■

6 ■■■■■. MS. ■■■■■ IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

7 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

8 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

9 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

10 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 21, ■■■■■

11 ■■■■■. MS. ■■■■■ IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

12 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

13 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

14 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

15 THE COURT: THANK YOU. JUROR NUMBER 283,

16 ■■■■■. MS. ■■■■■ IS THIS YOUR VERDICT?

17 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

18 THE COURT: IS IT STILL YOUR VERDICT?

19 JURY PANEL MEMBER: YES, SIR.

20 THE COURT: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND

21 GENTLEMEN, THAT WILL CONCLUDE YOUR SERVICES AS JURORS ON

22 THIS PARTICULAR CASE. IT WILL ALSO CONCLUDE YOUR SERVICE

23 AS JURORS FOR THIS WEEK SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR

24 SERVICE. I'M GOING TO EXCUSE YOU BACK TO THE JURY ROOM FOR

25 JUST A MINUTE CAUSE I WANT TO COME BACK AND PERSONALLY

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1 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN JUST A MINUTE. I LIKE TO DO
2 THAT PERSONALLY FOR JURIES AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRIAL
3 AND SO IF I CAN GET YOU TO GO BACK TO THE JURY ROOM FOR
4 JUST A MOMENT AND WE'LL BE BACK, I'LL BE BACK THERE IN JUST
5 ONE SECOND, OKAY.

6 (WHEREUPON, THE JURY RETIRED TO THE JURY ROOM AT
7 3:31 P.M.)

8 THE COURT: ANY MOTIONS AT THIS TIME?

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, YOUR HONOR, THE DEFENSE
10 RESPECTFULLY MAKE A MOTION THAT YOU SET ASIDE THE VERDICT
11 OF THE JURY. IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS THERE WERE SOME ISSUES OF
12 MATERIAL FACT THAT THE JURY OVERLOOKED, MISUNDERSTOOD, AND
13 WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU SET ASIDE YOUR VERDICT.

14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, YOUR MOTION IS NOTED;
15 I'M GOING TO DENY THAT MOTION. ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING ELSE?

16 MR. MCKNIGHT: NOTHING FROM THE DEFENSE, YOUR
17 HONOR.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANY REASON AS TO WHY WE
19 CANNOT GO AHEAD AND IMPOSE SENTENCE?

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: NONE FROM THE DEFENSE SIDE, YOUR
21 HONOR.

22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THE
23 STATE?

24 MS. BAILEY: NO POST TRIAL MOTIONS FROM THE
25 STATE. THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO BE HEARD AT THE APPROPRIATE

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1 TIME OF THE SENTENCING AND FOR THE COURT'S INFORMATION THE
2 STATE HAS HAD A TRIAL, GOTTEN CERTIFIED OF THE DEFENDANT'S
3 PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS. EACH OF THESE IS A DISTRIBUTION
4 THIRD OFFENSE WHICH CARRIES 15 TO 30. THAT IS A SENTENCING
5 ISSUE AND NOT A TRIAL ISSUE AND I'LL HAND THESE UP AT THE
6 APPROPRIATE TIME AND MAKE THEM COURT'S EXHIBITS.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, MR. MCKNIGHT,
8 ANYTHING IN MITIGATION?

9 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE QUITE
10 OBVIOUSLY YOU'VE SAT THROUGH THE ENTIRE TRIAL AND YOU'VE
11 HEARD ABOUT MR. HOLT'S WORK EXPERIENCE AND HIS, AND HIS
12 FAMILY. HE HAS THREE CHILDREN THAT HE WAS RAISING AND AS I
13 INDICATED BEFORE HE'S A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF THE ANDREWS
14 AREA OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY.

15 YOUR HONOR, MY, YOU KNOW THE LAW AND YOU KNOW THE
16 SENTENCE THAT HE'S FACING. IT IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT. YOUR
17 HONOR, AND MY CLIENT AND MYSELF ARE WELL AWARE THAT YOU ARE
18 STATUTORILY REQUIRED TO ISSUE A MANDATORY MINIMUM, HOWEVER
19 THE COURT IN ITS DISCRETION CAN HAVE, CAN HAND DOWN A
20 SENTENCE THAT'S SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE MANDATORY
21 MINIMUM. IT'S MY REQUEST UPON THE COURT TO GIVE MY CLIENT
22 OR TO HAND DOWN A SENTENCE THAT IS THE MANDATORY MINIMUM.
23 IT IS AN 85 PERCENT SENTENCE, JUSTICE IS MET. HE WILL BE
24 GONE FROM, HE'LL BE EXILED FROM SOCIETY FOR A SIGNIFICANT
25 AMOUNT OF TIME SO ON THE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE SO

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1 ANYTHING ABOVE THE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE, YOUR HONOR,
2 IS BASICALLY OVERKILL IN MY, IN MY VIEW AND I RESPECTFULLY
3 SUBMIT THAT TO THE COURT. I'M NOT AT ALL SUGGESTING THAT
4 THE COURT ENDEAVORS IN THINGS EXTRAORDINARY BUT IN THIS
5 INSTANCE, YOUR HONOR, IT'S MY REQUEST THAT YOU SENTENCE HIM
6 TO THE MANDATORY MINIMUM AND NO MORE.

7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. HOLT, ANYTHING YOU'D
8 LIKE TO SAY?

9 DEFENDANT HOLT: NO, SIR.

10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, MS. BAILEY,
11 I'LL HEAR FROM THE STATE?

12 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FIRST OF ALL
13 THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THESE TWO CERTIFIED
14 CONVICTIONS. ONE IS FROM 2000 AND ONE IS FROM THE YEAR
15 2007 AND BOTH HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AND PROVIDED BY THE CLERK
16 OF COURT'S OFFICE. THE ONE FROM 2000 IS A DISTRIBUTION OF
17 POWDER COCAINE FIRST OFFENSE OR PWID AND DISTRIBUTION
18 COCAINE FIRST OFFENSE.

19 THE ONE FROM 2007 IS A POSSESSION OF POWDER
20 COCAINE SECOND OFFENSE. BOTH OF THESE AGAIN HAVE BEEN
21 CERTIFIED AS SEPARATE OFFENSES, SEPARATE CONVICTIONS FOR
22 DRUGS AND AT THIS TIME THE STATE WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO BE
23 MARKED AS COURT'S EXHIBITS AND PLACED IN EVIDENCE,

24 MR. MCKNIGHT: THE COURT'S INDULGENCE JUST FOR A
25 SECOND.

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1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

2 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, WE'VE GOT, THIS
3 INFORMATION SHE'S SUBMITTED IS INCORRECT. THERE'S A
4 QUENTIN HOLT BORN ON [REDACTED] AND THIS QUENTIN HOLT, MY
5 QUENTIN HOLT IS BORN [REDACTED].

6 THE COURT: SO IS HE SAYING THAT THESE ARE NOT
7 THIRD OFFENSES?

8 MR. MCKNIGHT: THIS SHOULD BE HIS SECOND, YOUR
9 HONOR, BUT BASED UPON WHAT'S BEEN SUBMITTED HERE HE ADMITS
10 TO THE SENTENCE IN 2007, THE INDICTMENT NUMBER 2007-22-164,
11 HOWEVER THIS QUENTIN HOLT 2000 --

12 THE COURT: OKAY, SO HE'S SAYING THAT HE HAS
13 ONLY BEEN CONVICTED OF A DRUG POSSESSION CHARGE ONCE IN HIS
14 LIFE?

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: HE'S BEEN CONVICTED TWICE, YOUR
16 HONOR, BUT THIS POSSESSION WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE IS
17 NOT HIS.

18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WHAT'S HIS PRIOR RECORD
19 THEN?

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, BASED UPON THE NCIC
21 REQUEST SUBMITTED TO ME PURSUANT TO MY RULE 5 REQUEST THE
22 FIRST ONE IS IN '99 AND THAT'S FROM 7-24-2000 BUT IT'S
23 LISTED AS -- THIS PERSON HAS A DIFFERENT BIRTHDATE THAN MY
24 CLIENT.

25 THE COURT: GIVE ME YOUR CLIENT'S PRIOR RECORD.

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1 MR. MCKNIGHT: OKAY, THIS ONE HERE ON THE PRIOR
2 RECORD HERE THAT INDICATES THAT HE HAS A CONVICTION FOR
3 MANUFACTURING DISTRIBUTION POSSESSION DRUGS FIRST OFFENSE,
4 OKAY, AND THAT WAS, THAT CONVICTION WAS HANDED DOWN ON 7-
5 24-2000.

6 HIS SECOND DRUG CONVICTION COMES ABOUT ON
7 POSSESSION OF COCAINE SECOND AND THAT WAS IN 2008, YOUR
8 HONOR.

9 THE COURT: OKAY, SO THAT MATCHES WHAT YOU SAID,
10 YOU SAID IT'S A DIFFERENT BIRTHDATE BUT THE CHARGES MATCH
11 AND THE DATES MATCH AND THE CRIMES MATCH.

12 MR. MCKNIGHT: THEY MATCH BUT THIS INFORMATION
13 HERE IS TOTALLY, IT'S JUST SORT OF DIFFERENT.

14 THE COURT: BUT THE STATE'S CONTENTION IS THAT
15 YOUR CLIENT HAS A PRIOR DISTRIBUTION AND A PRIOR
16 POSSESSION.

17 MR. MCKNIGHT: I'M SORRY, JUDGE, I COULD NOT
18 HEAR YOU, SAY THAT AGAIN, PLEASE?

19 THE COURT: THE STATE'S CONTENTION IS THAT YOUR
20 CLIENT HAS A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE
21 AND A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR POSSESSION OF COCAINE.

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: THAT'S THEIR, THAT'S THEIR
23 CONTENTION, YES, SIR.

24 THE COURT: AND DOES YOUR CLIENT DENY THAT HE
25 HAS A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE AND DOES

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1 HE DENY THAT HE HAS A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR POSSESSION OF
2 COCAINE?

3 OKAY, THEY'VE GOT CERTIFIED COPIES, I'M GOING TO
4 GO AHEAD AND GO WITH THE STATE'S CONTENTION.

5 MR. MCKNIGHT: YES, YOUR HONOR, THERE ARE TWO
6 PRIOR CONVICTIONS.

7 (WHEREUPON, COURT'S EXHIBIT NUMBER 5 AND 6 MARKED
8 FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, MR. HOLT,
10 ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY?

11 DEFENDANT HOLT: NO, SIR.

12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THE
13 STATE?

14 MS. BAILEY: YES, YOUR HONOR, I JUST WANTED TO
15 BRIEFLY STATE ON MR. HOLT'S PREVIOUS OTHER CONVICTIONS
16 OTHER THAN DRUG CONVICTIONS.

17 IN 1996 HE WAS CONVICTED OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE
18 DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR. AT THAT TIME HE WAS GIVEN THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE PROBATION.

20 IN 1997 THE NEXT YEAR HE WAS CONVICTED OF FAILURE
21 TO STOP FOR A BLUE LIGHT. AGAIN HE WAS GIVEN THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE PROBATION. WHILE ON PROBATION FOR
23 THAT HE WAS CONVICTED OF THE FIRST DRUG CHARGE WHICH WAS ON
24 A DISTRIBUTION LEVEL AND HE RECEIVED A FOUR-YEAR SENTENCE
25 FOR THAT.

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1 APPARENTLY THAT FOUR-YEAR SENTENCE DID NOT WORK
2 BECAUSE MR. HOLT IN 2007 WAS CONVICTED OF ANOTHER DRUG
3 OFFENSE OF POSSESSION OF POWDER COCAINE SECOND OFFENSE. HE
4 WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AND GIVEN PROBATION AT THAT TIME.

5 YOUR HONOR, IT'S THE STATE'S CONTENTION THAT MR.
6 HOLT HAS RUN OUT OF CHANCES. HE'S BEEN INCARCERATED; HE'S
7 BEEN ON PROBATION SEVERAL TIMES, AND HE CLEARLY HAS NOT
8 LEARNED HIS LESSON THAT IT'S TIME TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

9 MR. HOLT, THE STATE WOULD ALSO CONTEND THAT SINCE
10 THESE ARE TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS, TWO SEPARATE VIOLATIONS
11 OF THE DRUG LAW THAT THEY SHOULD BE RUN CONSECUTIVE BECAUSE
12 WE COULD HAVE TRIED THESE SEPARATELY AND HAD TWO SEPARATE
13 SENTENCES ON THESE.

14 GIVEN THAT WE HAVE HAD TO DISCLOSE A CONFIDENTIAL
15 INFORMANT, THAT THAT INFORMANT MAY BE AT GREAT PERIL
16 BECAUSE HIS IDENTITY WAS DISCLOSED AND GIVEN MR. HOLT'S
17 PREVIOUS RECORD THE STATE WOULD REQUEST CONSECUTIVE
18 SENTENCES AND A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION UPWARD FROM THE
19 MANDATORY MINIMUM.

20 MR. MCKNIGHT: YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY BE HEARD
21 VERY BRIEFLY?

22 THE COURT: I'VE HEARD ENOUGH, THANK YOU.

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: THANKS.

24 PROBATION OFFICER: YES, YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY
25 HE'S ALSO ON ACTIVE PROBATION FOR THE POSSESSION OF COCAINE

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1 SECOND OFFENSE.

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 PROBATION OFFICER: SO WE WOULD NEED TO ADDRESS
4 THAT.

5 THE COURT: OKAY, ALL RIGHT, WE'LL HOLD HIM FOR
6 A MINUTE CAUSE I NEED TO GO CUT THIS JURY LOOSE BEFORE WE
7 DO THAT.

8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. HOLT, THE SENTENCE OF
9 THE COURT FOR EACH COUNT IS THAT YOU BE CONFINED TO THE
10 STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR 25 YEARS OR PAY A FINE
11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. THE SENTENCE IS TO RUN
12 CONCURRENT AND YOU'LL BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR ANY TIME SERVED
13 THUS FAR.

14 MS. BAILEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

16 END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT- - - -
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I, THE UNDERSIGNED BRENDA R. BABB, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT ADMINISTRATION, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE, ACCURATE, AND COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS HAD AND EVIDENCE INTRODUCED IN THE HEARING OF THE CAPTIONED CASE, RELATIVE TO APPEAL, IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS FOR GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL

When an “expert” opinion that a substance is crack cocaine was based solely on the results of a gas chromatography mass spectroscopy instrument, should the “expert” have been allowed to give an opinion if she could not testify to the instrument’s reliability?

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Appellant was indicted for two counts of trafficking in crack cocaine third offense by the Georgetown County Grand Jury. R* (indictments). On September 20, 2010, Appellant was called to trial before the Honorable Benjamin Culbertson and a jury. Tr. 1. Appellant was represented by Cezar McKnight and the State was represented by Erin Bailey. Tr.1.

Appellant was found guilty of both counts. Tr. 273, ll. 5-11. Appellant was sentenced to twenty-five years for both charges. Tr. 284, ll. 8-13. Appellant's sentences are to run concurrent. This appeal follows.

ARGUMENT

When an “expert” opinion that a substance is crack cocaine was based solely on the results of a gas chromatography mass spectroscopy instrument, the “expert” should not have been allowed to give an opinion if she can not testify to the instrument’s reliability.

Relevant Facts

The State alleges that an informant purchased crack cocaine from Appellant two times in January of 2009. The substance that allegedly came from Appellant was collected by Deputy Reginald Grant of the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Department. Tr. 66, ll. 9-16; Tr. 72, ll. 3-16. Grant determined the combined total weight of the two samples to be 1.5 grams. Tr. 65, ll. 9-16; Tr. 72, ll. 13-16. Grant then sent this substance to SLED for testing. At SLED, the combined total weight of the samples was determined to be .92 grams. Tr. 173, ll. 23-25. Maribeth Burroughs, a forensic chemist with SLED, tested the samples with a gas chromatography mass spectroscopy instrument (GCMS), based on that test she determined the samples to be crack cocaine. Appellant was arrested and charged with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

At trial, Burroughs testified that the GCMS must be tuned. Tr. 177, ll. 10-11; Tr. 179, ll. 2-15. Burroughs claimed that SLED’s GCMS is tuned weekly. Tr. 154, l. 5. However, at trial she did not have any records to show that the GCMS was tuned the week that she tested the samples for Appellant’s case. Tr. 154, ll. 6-11. Furthermore, she was unable to testify about who tuned the GCMS that week. Burroughs stated that she shared the GCMS with another chemist and “whoever comes in first on Monday” would tune the instrument. Tr. 178, ll. 22-24. Based on the mere fact that the GCMS was not in maintenance when she performed the test, Burroughs assumed that the instrument must have

been tuned the week of the test. Tr. 177, l. 25 – Tr. 178, l. 6. However, she did not know when or if her GCMS had been sent to maintenance around the time of her test of the substance. Tr. 179, ll. 16-25. Burroughs tried to say that there were maintenance records on the GCMS, but she did not have them with her when she testified.

Appellant objected to Burroughs ability to give an “expert” opinion concerning whether the substance that was allegedly obtained from Appellant was in fact crack cocaine. Tr. 155, ll. 2-10. The State argued, “The question as to whether or not she can be qualified as an expert is simply this, does she have education and/or experience to assist the trier in (sic) fact beyond what, what a normal person would...” Tr.155, ll. 21-24. After the State’s argument, the trial court overruled Appellant’s objection. Tr. 156, ll. 7-10. Appellant was convicted of both charges.

Discussion

“The facts or data in the particular case upon which an expert bases an opinion or inference may be those perceived by or made known to the expert at or before the hearing. *If of the type reasonably relied upon by experts in the particular field* in forming opinions or inferences upon the subject, the facts or data need not be admissible in evidence.” Rule 703, SCRE (emphasis added). Before introducing expert testimony “the trial court *must* evaluate the substance of the testimony and determine whether it is reliable.” *Watson v. Ford Motor Co.*, 389 S.C. 434, 446, 699 S.E.2d 169, 175 (2010) (citing *State v. Council*, 335 S.C. 1, 20, 515 S.E.2d 508, 518 (1999)) (emphasis added). If an expert bases their opinion on scientific test, the underlying science should have quality control procedures to ensure reliability. See

State v. Jones, 343 S.C. 562, 573, 541 S.E.2d 813, 819 (2001) (holding the *Jones*¹ factors should be considered when determining the reliability of scientific evidence).

The State failed to present evidence that the GCMS was reliable when the substance was tested. Burroughs' claims that her test was reliable were based solely on the fact that the GCMS was available to do the test. Tr. 177, l. 25 – Tr. 178, l. 6. Furthermore, she was unable to comment on when her GCMS had been serviced. Essentially, Burroughs claimed that the test must have been reliable; otherwise she would not have done the test. Her conclusion that the test must have been reliable lacked solid justification, and this assumption certainly is not the type of information reasonably relied upon by other drug analyst. *See Rule 703, SCRE*. Therefore, the trial court should have found that the State failed to meet *its burden* of producing evidence of reliability. *See State v. Henry*, 329 S.C. 266, 274, 495 S.E.2d 463, 466 (Ct. App. 1997) (noting that the proponent of an expert has the burden of establishing her qualifications).

In this State, trial judges are gatekeepers that must ensure any expert testimony is based upon reliable science. Some states find that calibration records are not required. *See e.g. State v. Butler*, 615 So.2d 496, 503 (La. Ct. App. 1993) (finding calibration records were not needed *when* the witness testified that *he* tuned *his* GCMS daily); *but see People v. Raney*, 324 Ill.App.3d. 703, 710, 756 N.E.2d 338, 344 (Ill. App. Ct. 2001) (finding the drug analyst could not be qualified as an expert when she “failed to explain how the [GCMS] was calibrated or why she knew the results were accurate”). In South Carolina, expert opinions may only be based on scientific evidence when the trial court “*examines the reliability* of the inadmissible evidence and excludes opinions not deserving reliance.” *See Jamison v.*

¹ *State v. Jones*, 273 S.C. 723, 259 S.E.2d 120 (1979).

Morris, 385 S.C. 215, 228, 684 S.E.2d 168, 175 (2009) (internal citations omitted). Since the State failed to present any factual basis that the GCMS was working properly, the trial court had no basis for determining the reliability of the underlying science. Therefore, Burroughs should not have been allowed to give an “expert” opinion concerning whether or not the substance was crack cocaine.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant him a new trial.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tristan M. Shaffer', is written over a horizontal line.

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This 8th day of July, 2011.

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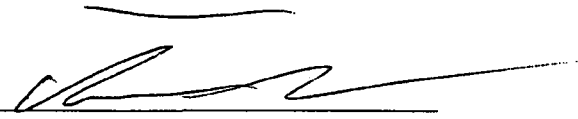
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Appellant proposes the following be included in the Record on Appeal:

- (1) True-billed indictment(s);
- (2) Tr. 1; 59-141; 149-156; 165-185; 194-273; 284-285

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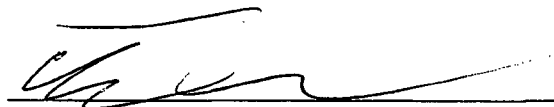
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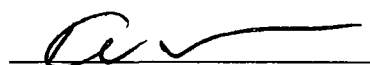
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STATEMENT OF ISSUE ON APPEAL

The trial judge properly allowed the forensic chemist to testify that the substance in question was crack cocaine, where her testimony established that the GCMS machine she used was in proper working order when the substance was tested.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Appellant was indicted in Georgetown County in February 2010 for two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, third offense. (2010-GS-22-00179; -00181). On September 20-22, 2010, he proceeded to trial before the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson. The jury found him guilty, and Judge Culbertson imposed the mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years on each count, with the sentences to run concurrently. A timely notice of appeal was served and filed.

ARGUMENT

Error Preservation

Ms. Burroughs was offered by the State as an expert in forensic laboratory analysis. (R. p. 149-51). She testified that she had been employed as a forensic chemist in the drug analysis department at SLED for two and a half years. (R. p. 149-150). She stated that she held a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Secondary Science Education. In her current position at SLED, it was her duty to "analyze non-biological evidence for the presence of controlled substances." (R. p. 150, lines 11-12). She stated that she used a gas chromatography mass spectroscopy instrument ("GCMS") to test for controlled substances. (R. p. 151-52). She stated that the GCMS machine was used to confirm the presence of crack cocaine after a preliminary test of the substance had already been performed. (R. p. 166-67). In his voir dire of the witness, Appellant asked Ms. Burroughs if she calibrated the GCMS machine. (R. p. 153, line 21). Ms. Burroughs responded that the machine was not "calibrated" but was instead "tuned." (R. p. 153, lines 24-25). Counsel asked if she was sure that she had "tuned" the GCMS machine on the day in question. (R. p. 154, lines 3-4). Ms. Burroughs replied that the machine was tuned weekly. (R. p. 154, lines 1-5). When asked if she had "anything to support the fact that you tuned it" during the week in question, she testified that "we would have that in our office and I could provide that for you but I don't have it with me today." (R. p. 154, lines 6-11).

After his voir dire, Appellant objected to Ms. Burroughs' qualification as an expert in the field of forensic testing of illegal substances, arguing that he did not believe the witness was qualified "in that she's going to testify that using a machine with which to get a result from and by her own admission on the stand she has no way of verifying and

present (sic) to the court that the machine was calibrated or tuned as she put it.” (R. p. 155, lines 2-10). He stated that this “cast some serious doubt” and stated that he did not believe she should be allowed to testify as to whether or not the drugs in question were crack cocaine. (R. p. 155, lines 12-16). The State pointed out that this was an issue for cross-examination rather than an issue going toward the admissibility of the evidence. (R. p. 155, lines 18-20). The State also argued that the witness had education and experience beyond that of a layperson and that she had been trained by SLED and knew how to work the equipment in question. (R. p. 155, line 21 – p. 156, line 3). The trial judge overruled Appellant’s objection and found the witness qualified as an expert in forensic chemistry. (R. p. 156, lines 7-10). Thereafter, before the jury, Ms. Burroughs was further questioned by Appellant’s counsel regarding the tuning of the GCMS machine; however, no further objections were raised. (R. p. 174-83).

Appellant now argues that Ms. Burroughs should not have been allowed to give her opinion regarding the crack cocaine because she could not testify as to the GCMS machine’s reliability. However, the only argument advanced below was, in essence, that because the witness did not bring any *paperwork* to support that the GCMS machine was tuned, she should not be allowed to give her opinion. (See R. p. 153-155). Therefore, since the issue being raised on appeal is different from the issue that was raised below, it is not preserved for review. See State v. Adams, 332 S.C. 139, 144-145, 504 S.E.2d 124, 126-27 (Ct. App. 1998) (argument not preserved for appeal where precise issue not presented to the trial court) (citations omitted); State v. Caldwell, 378 S.C. 268, 283, 662 S.E.2d 474, 482 (Ct. App. 2008) (a party may not argue one ground at trial and another on appeal); State v. Patterson, 324 S.C. 5, 19, 482 S.E.2d 760, 767 (1997) (“Appellant is limited to the grounds raised at trial.”).

The trial judge properly allowed the forensic chemist to testify that the substance in question was crack cocaine, where her testimony established that the GCMS machine she used was in proper working order when the substance was tested.

Even if the issue on appeal had been properly preserved, the reliability of the GCMS machine used in this case was established by Ms. Burroughs' testimony. Ms. Burroughs testified that the GCMS machine required weekly "tuning," which was a diagnostic test to ensure that the machine was working properly. (R. p. 177, lines 10-11; p. 181, lines 14-18; p. 182, lines 6-13). She testified that "tuning" was necessary to determine whether the machine needed maintenance or not. (R. p. 181, lines 19-23). She testified that if the machine was off-tune, proper maintenance would be performed before the machine was used to test substances. (R. p. 177, line 25 – p. 178, line 6; p. 179, lines 12-15; p. 181, line 19 – p. 182, line 5). She stated that she would not use the GCMS machine to analyze any substances if the tune did not meet the proper specifications. (R. p. 179, lines 12-15; p. 178, lines 17-18; p. 177, line 25 – p. 178, line 1). Ms. Burroughs testified that the GCMS machine in this case was routinely tuned once a week, every week, by either herself or the other chemist working with her in the lab. (R. p. 182, line 18 – p. 183, line 2). She stated that their weekly tuning was in conformance with SLED policy. (R. p. 183, lines 3-5). She stated that these weekly "tunes" were electronically stored in the lab and that she could have them faxed over if requested. (R. p. 177, lines 12-17; p. 178, lines 10-14).

Ms. Burroughs' testimony established that the machine was tuned in accordance with SLED policy and that the machine was working properly when it was used to test the crack cocaine in this case. Accordingly, the trial judge properly exercised his gatekeeping role under Rule 702, SCRE, and did not err in admitting Ms. Burroughs' opinion testimony

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regarding the results from GCMS machine. See State v. White, 382 S.C. 265, 275, 676 S.E.2d 684, 689 (2009).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Respondent requests that this Court affirm Appellant's convictions and sentences.

Respectfully submitted,

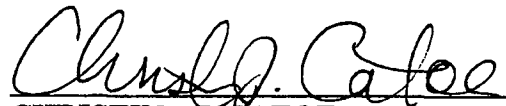
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT,

v.

QUENTIN HOLT,

APPELLANT.

**DESIGNATION OF MATTER
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL**

The Respondent submits that the following should be included in the Record on Appeal:

- (1) Indictment Numbers 2010-GS-22-00179 and -00181;
- (2) Trial Transcript, pages 149-156; p. 165-183.

**ALL DOCUMENTS DESIGNATED SHOULD BE REDACTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT ORDER
ON PERSONAL DATA IDENTIFIERS.**

The undersigned hereby certifies this Designation contains no matter that is irrelevant to this appeal.



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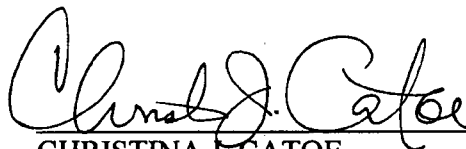
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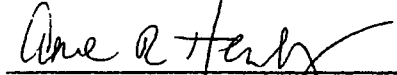
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the **Initial Brief of Respondent** and **Designation of Matter** in the above-referenced case has been served upon **Tristan M. Shaffer**, Division of Appellate Defense, South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Post Office Box 11589, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1589, this 21st day of September, 2011.



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THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Quentin Holt,

Appellant.

Appeal from Georgetown County
Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2012-UP-253
Submitted April 2, 2012 – Filed April 25, 2012

AFFIRMED

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of Columbia; and Solicitor J. Gregory Hembree, of Conway, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: Quentin Holt appeals his convictions of two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, arguing the trial court erred in admitting expert testimony because the instrument used in forming the expert's opinion was unreliable. We affirm¹ pursuant to Rule 220(b)(1), SCACR, and the following authorities: Rule 702, SCRE ("If scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, may testify thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise."); State v. White, 382 S.C. 265, 269, 676 S.E.2d 684, 686 (2009) ("A trial court's decision to admit or exclude expert testimony will not be reversed absent a prejudicial abuse of discretion."); id. at 270, 676 S.E.2d at 686 ("All expert testimony must satisfy the Rule 702 criteria, and that includes the trial court's gatekeeping function in ensuring the proposed expert testimony meets a reliability threshold for the jury's ultimate consideration."); State v. Jones, 343 S.C. 562, 572, 541 S.E.2d 813, 818 (2001) (holding scientific evidence is admissible under Rule 702, SCRE, if the trial court determines the underlying science is reliable after applying the factors set forth in State v. Jones, 273 S.C. 723, 259 S.E.2d 120 (1979)); Jones, 343 S.C. at 573, 541 S.E.2d at 819 (holding one of the Jones reliability factors taken into consideration is the quality control procedures used to ensure reliability).

AFFIRMED.

PIEPER, KONDUROS, and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.

¹ We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.

FORM 5

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

2012 CP22 00135

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

QUENTIN J. HOLY #268198)
 Fill name and prison number (if any) of Applicant.)

v.)

APPLICATION FOR

State of South Carolina)

POST-CONVICTION RELIEF

INSTRUCTIONS - READ CAREFULLY

In order for this application to receive consideration by the Court, it shall be in writing (legibly handwritten or typewritten), signed by the applicant and verified (notarized), and it shall set forth in concise form the answers to each applicable question. If necessary, applicant may furnish his answer to a particular question on the reverse side of the page or on an additional page. Applicant shall make clear to which question any such continued answer refers.

Since every application must be sworn under oath, any false statement of a material fact therein may serve as the basis of prosecution and conviction for perjury. Applicants should, therefore, exercise care to assure that all answers are true and correct.

If the application is taken in forma pauperis, it shall include an affidavit (attached at the back of the form) setting forth information which establishes that applicant will be unable to pay fees and costs of the proceedings. When the application is completed, the original shall be mailed to the Clerk of Court for the County in which the applicant was convicted.

1. Place of detention McCormick C.I.
2. Name and location of Court which imposed sentence GEORGETOWN COUNTY
3. Name(s) of co-defendant(s) (if any) NONE
4. The indictment number or numbers (if known) upon which and the offenses for which sentence was imposed:
 - (a) 2010-GS-22-00179
 - (b) 2010-GS-22-00181
 - (c) _____
5. The date upon which sentence was imposed and the terms of the sentence:
 - (a) SEPT. 22, 2010 25 YEARS
 - (b) _____

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- (c) _____
6. Check whether a finding of guilty was made:
- (a) after a plea of guilty _____
- (b) after a plea of not guilty _____
- (c) after a plea of nolo contendere _____
7. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction or the imposition of sentence?
YES
8. If you answered "yes" to (7), list:
- (a) the name of each Court to which you appealed:
- i. THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- (b) the result in each such Court to which you appealed:
- i. AFFIRMED
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- (c) the date of each such result:
- i. APRIL 30, 2012
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- (d) if known, citations of any written opinion or orders entered pursuant to such results:
- i. NONE
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
9. If you answered "no" to (7), state your reasons for not so appealing:
- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
10. State concisely the grounds on which you base your allegation that you are being held in custody unlawfully: SEE ATTACHED AMENDED PCR

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- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

11. State concisely and in the same order the facts which support each of the grounds set out in (10):

- (a) SEE ATTACHMENT AMENDED TO POST CONVICTION
- (b) RELIEF APPLICATION
- (c) _____

12. Prior to this application have you filed with respect to this conviction:

- (a) any petition in a State Court under South Carolina Law? NO
- (b) any petition in State or Federal Courts for habeas corpus or post-convictions relief? NO
- (c) any petition in the United States Supreme Court for certiorari other than petitions, if any, already specified in (8)? NO
- (d) any other petitions, motions or applications in this or any other Court? _____

13. If you answered "yes" to any part of (12), list with respect to each petition, motion or application: NO

(a) the specific nature thereof:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. NONE
- iv. _____

(b) the name and location of the Court in which each was filed:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. NONE
- iv. _____

(c) the disposition thereof:

- i. _____
- ii. NONE
- iii. _____

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- iv. _____
- (d) the date of each such disposition:
- i. NONE
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____
- (e) if known, citations of any written opinions or orders entered pursuant to each such disposition:
- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. NONE
- iv. _____

14. Has any ground set forth in (10) been previously presented to this or any other Court, State or Federal, in any petition, motion or application which you have filed?

NO

15. If you answered "yes" to (14) identify:

- (a) which grounds have been presented:

- i. _____
- ii. NONE
- iii. _____

- (b) the proceedings in which each ground was raised:

- i. _____
- ii. NONE
- iii. _____

16. If any ground set forth in (10) has not previously been presented to any Court, State or Federal, set forth the ground and state concisely the reasons why such ground has not previously been presented:

- (a) NONE
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

17. Were you represented by an attorney at any time during the course of:

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- (a) your arraignment and plea? ~~YES~~ - NO
- (b) your trial, if any? YES
- (c) your sentencing? YES
- (d) your appeal, if any, from the judgment of conviction or the imposition of sentence? YES
- (e) preparation, presentation or consideration of any petitions, motions or applications with respect to this conviction, which you filed? YES

18. If you answered "yes" to one or more parts of (17), list:

- (a) the name and address of each attorney who represented you:
- i. COVAR EDWARD McKNIGHT P.O. BOX 688, LAKE CITY, SC 29560
 - ii. TEISTAN M. SHAFFER P.O. BOX 11589, Columbia, SC 29211-1589
 - iii. WANDA H. CARTER P.O. BOX 11589, Columbia, SC 29211-1589
- (b) the proceedings at which each such attorney represented you:
- i. CRIMINAL TRIAL
 - ii. DIRECT APPEAL
 - iii. DIRECT APPEAL

19. State clearly the relief you seek in filing this application:

SEE AMENDMENT TO PCR APPLICATION

20. Are you now under sentence from any other court that you have not challenged?

NO

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

2012 CP 2200735

County of)

VERIFICATION

I, _____, being duly sworn upon my oath, depose and say that I have subscribed to the foregoing application; that I know the contents thereof; that it includes every ground known to me for vacating, setting aside or correcting the conviction and sentence attacked in this application; and that the matters and allegations therein set forth are true.

Quentin Holt

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 2
day of July, 2012

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Notary Public

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**APPLICATION TO PROCEED WITHOUT PAYMENT
OF COSTS AND AFFIDAVIT 2012CP2260735
IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

I, , hereby apply for leave to proceed in this action without prepayment of fees or costs or security therefor. In support of my application I declare under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true:

- (1) I am the applicant in this action and I believe I am entitled to redress.
- (2) Because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of said proceeding or give security thereof.

Queenie Holt
Applicant

SWORN or affirmed to and subscribed before me this
2 day of July, 2012

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Notary Public

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s/ Quentin Holt
Quentin J. Holt, Applicant

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. ; 10-GS-2200-179

10-GS-2200-181

Quentin Holt, #268198,)
)
 Applicant,)
)
 Vs.)
)
 State of South Carolina,)
)
Defendants.)

**APPLICANT'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW
 IN SUPPORT OF ALL ISSUE(S)**

NOW COMES, the above Applicant upon this Court to institute his support of all allegations within his Post-Conviction Relief Application, Amendment to Post-Conviction Relief Application.

Applicant's warrant states that the Warrant/Indictment were not valid to confer Jurisdiction, by either Court, pursuant to State v. Brewer, 129S.E. 2d 262; State v. McBane, 170 S.E. 2d 913. Applicant have shown that the warrants that were signed for probable cause (See Exhibits/Warrants).

Applicant's Indictments were **constructively amended** to state **a whole new charge**, from the probable cause on the warrants. "A valid warrant or indictment is an essential of jurisdiction, State v. Morgan, 38 S.E. 2d 266; State v. Thornton, 111 S.E. 2d 901, where the warrant(s) and indictment(s) must **charge** all the elements of the alleged criminal offense. Also the essential elements of the offense must be charged, State v. Gibbs, 66 S.E. 2d 883; State v. Strickland, 89 S.E. 2d 781, (See Exhibits/Indictment).

Applicant contends that neither Warrants/Indictment substantially follows the language of the statute thereby does not charge the essentials of the offense(s), "in a plain, intelligible and explicit manner" State v. Eason, 86 S.E. 2d 774. Whereby no words were supplemented by other allegations which explicitly set fourth every essential element of the offense as to leave no doubt in the mind of the accused, and the Court as to the offense intended to be charged." State v. Cox, 92 S.E. 2d 413.

Applicant contends that the Prosecution Chain of Custody was not proven. Wherein Agent Grant's Incident Report states the C.I. was given money with Serial Numbers: \$20-GJ89326836A, \$20-EF20086764C, and \$10-GL37642449A, CI-178 was given a transmitter.

Pursuant to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual Section 6-4, Property And Evidence Control, Section III., Procedure Property Management Responsibility Section 4; It is the responsibility of the submitting Deputy Sheriff to properly tag, mark, package, photograph, or request photographing of evidence or property submitted to (ECO) Evidence Custodian Officer. All evidence must be bagged, tagged, or labeled in Georgetown Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual, cont.

Accordance with agency procedures and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) requirements and secure in either evidence locker or the evidence compound at Headquarters prior to the end of the Deputy Sheriff's Tour of Duty.

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 8; The Duputy Sheriff submitting the property to (ECO) must also submit an Incident Report, complete with Case Number, specifically describing each item of property obtained and detailing the circumstances by which the property came into the Agency's possession. If the item(s) have serial numbers, an Article Supplement Report must also be completed.

2. The Incident Report will contain the following information:
 - (a) Date/Time of arrival at the scene,
 - (b) Location of the crime,
 - (c) Name of the victim(s), if known,
 - (d) Name of the suspect(s), if known,
 - (e) Narrative of the Investigator's actions at the scence, and
 - (f) Case Number

Applicant contends that Defendants deliberately violated Agency's Policy; by instituting procedures which are against the law. See Norton vs. Opening Break of Aiken, Inc., 443 S.E. 2d 406, 313 S.C. 508 (S.C. APP. 1994) **regulations** have the force of law. Applicant contends that Agent Reginald Grant's Chain of Custody from the C.I. was broken by the standard of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual. The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is an Administrative Agency, is bound to follow procedures required by it's own regulations, even if these regulations were not statutorily or constitutionally mandated; Bergamo, 192 F. 3d 78 (2nd Cir. 1999)(Same); Doe v. Tenel, 329 F. 3d 1135 (9th Cir. 2003).

Whereby looking at the warrants/indictments along with the procedures of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, protocol was not followed in convicting the Applicant. The procedural laws which

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are rights, responsibilities that are exercised and enforced within the courts.

Procedural due process which guarantee procedural fairness thereby Applicant's claim that his Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment Rights to the Due Process Clause have been violated by the balancing analysis based on the specific factual context.

Applicant now seeks immediate release from a conviction which is based upon motive of discrimination, racial profiling, retaliation by the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, The Georgetown County Solicitor's Office, Honorable Issaac Pyatt, and Honorable Benjamin Culbertson.

DUE PROCESS OF LAW

Applicant contends that he was denied due process of law which requires the State to establish each element of each offense by proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Inre v. Winship, 397 U.S. 358 (1970), Article I, 553 of the South Carolina Constitution, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83, 5. CF 1194 (1963). Where critical evidence that was withheld from Applicant would have shown violations.

DID THE COURT HAVE JURISDICTION TO TRY APPLICANT OF CRIME CHARGED?

Applicant contends that the Trial Court lacked jurisdiction to convict him because of the warrant(s) which probable cause was granted for arrest, 44-53-375 (B) (1), is different from the indictment which was constructive amended by the Solicitor Scott R. Hixson, Erin Bailey, of the Georgetown Solicitor's Office.

Applicant now submit this Memorandum of Law in Support of all issues raised within his Post-Conviction Relief Application, and the First Amendment to his Post-Conviction Relief Application.

Applicant requests upon this Court for immediate remedy to all issues thereof.

S/ Quentin Holt
Quentin J. Holt, Applicant

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I, QUENTIN HOLT, deposes and states that I have served the foregoing document upon the listed below agencies by mailing the said documents by United States Mail postage pre-paid addressed as follows:

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COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

2012-CP-22-735

Holt Quentin J., 268198

Applicant,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

RETURN

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Respondent, making its Return to the Application for post conviction relief (PCR) filed July 11, 2012, would respectfully show this Court:

I.

Applicant is presently confined in the South Carolina Department of Corrections pursuant to orders of commitment of the Georgetown County Clerk of Court. Applicant was indicted by the Georgetown County Grand Jury for two counts of distribution of cocaine base, (2010-GS-22-179 and 181). Cozar McKnight, Esquire, represented Applicant.

On September 22, 2010, the Applicant pled guilty as indicted. The Honorable Benjamin Culbertson sentenced Applicant to twenty five years on each charge, with both running concurrent. Applicant appealed his conviction but on April 30, 2012 the South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction and sentence.

Attached herewith and incorporated herein are the records of the Georgetown County Clerk of Court regarding the subject conviction, and the guilty plea transcript. Respondent reserves the right to amend this Return upon receipt of any relevant materials.

II.

Applicant alleges that he is being held in custody unlawfully for the following reasons:

I. "See attached Amended PCR"

Respondent did not receive an attachment from Applicant, nevertheless Respondent interprets Applicants allegations as ineffective assistance of counsel.

III.

In a post-conviction relief action, the Applicant bears the burden of proving the allegations in their application. Butler v. State, 286 S.C. 441, 334 S.E.2d 813 (1985). Where the application alleges ineffective assistance of counsel as a ground for relief, the Applicant must prove that "counsel's conduct so undermined the proper functioning of the adversarial process that the trial cannot be relied upon as having produced a just result." Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 2064, 80 L.Ed.2d 674, 692 (1984); Butler, 334 S.E.2d 813.

The proper measure of performance is whether the attorney provided representation within the range of competence required in criminal cases. The courts presume that counsel rendered adequate assistance and made all significant decisions in the exercise of reasonable professional judgment. Strickland, 80 L.Ed.2d 674. The Applicant must overcome this presumption in order to receive relief. Cherry v. State, 300 S.C. 115, 386 S.E.2d 624 (1989).

The reviewing court applies a two-pronged test in evaluating allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel. First, the applicant must prove that counsel's performance was deficient. Under this prong, the court measures an attorney's performance by its "reasonableness under professional norms." Cherry, 300 S.C. at 117, 386 S.E.2d at 625, citing Strickland. Second, counsel's deficient performance must have prejudiced the Applicant such that "there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's unprofessional errors, the result of the proceeding would have been different." Cherry, 300 S.C. at 117-18, 386 S.E.2d at 625.

Respondent submits that Applicant cannot satisfy either requirement of the Strickland test. However, the allegation of ineffective assistance of counsel probably raises questions of fact that the record does not conclusively refute. Accordingly, Respondent requests an evidentiary hearing to fully resolve this issue. See Sharper v. State, 279 S.C. 264, 305 S.E.2d 247 (1983).

IV.

The State therefore requests that this Court convene an evidentiary hearing solely on the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel. As to all other allegations, the State moves for summary dismissal pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-70 on the basis that there is no genuine issue of material fact which would necessitate an evidentiary hearing and that those allegations should be dismissed as a matter of law.

V.

Each and every allegation contained within the application not hereinbefore either expressly admitted, qualified or explained is hereby denied.

VI.

WHEREFORE, having made its Return, the State requests that the Application be denied and the matter dismissed with prejudice.


Respectfully submitted,

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JOHN W. McINTOSH
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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RULE 2 PRELIMINARY HEARING

1. ACCORDING TO S.C. RULE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE SEC(6) GIVES ME THE RIGHT TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING WHICH I WAS AFFORDED A PRELIMINARY HEARING WITHOUT COUNSEL OF RECORD (RICHARD COLVIN) OF THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. JUDGE ISSAAC PYATT VIOLATED MY SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHT IN HOLDING THIS HEARING WITHOUT COUNSEL PRESENT.
2. MY ATTORNEY OF RECORD NEVER COMMUNICATED TO ME THAT A DEADLINE FOR A PLEA DEAL WAS ON THE TABLE, IF I WANTED TO ACCEPT THE DEAL (RULE 1.4 COMMUNICATION)
3. ON JULY 6, 2010, I RETAINED CEZAR MCKNIGHT, HE SAID THEY HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE WARRANT(S) BECAUSE THEY GOT THE WARRANT(S) BEFORE THE CRIME HAPPEN.
4. A BENCH WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR MY ARREST ON JULY 17, 2010.
5. MY RETAINED COUNSEL OF RECORD (CEZAR MCKNIGHT) ONLY VISITED ME ONCE IN DETENTION CENTER STATING HE WILL GET THE BENCH WARRANT LIFTED. MY RETAIN COUNSEL WAS UNABLE TO BE AT THE COURT HOUSE, I RECEIVED A LETTER ON 8.17.2010, THAT A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON 8/30 1:00 PM.. THE BENCH WARRANT WAS LIFTED ON 8/30/2010, ROLL CALL WAS 9/17/10 AND THE SOLICITOR PLEA OFFER WAS 10 YRS. NON-VIOLENT.
6. MY ATTORNEY OF RECORD NEVER COMMUNICATED TO ME WHAT KIND OF TIME, I WAS FACING RULE 1.3 DILIGENCE. A LAWYER SHALL ACT WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE AND PROMPTNESS IN REPRESENTING A CLIENT. I WAS TOLD WE CAN WIN ONE, AND LOOSE ONE.

7. ON 9-20-10, I RECEIVED 25 YRS. AFTER MY TRIAL ENDED. LOOKING AT MY WARRANTS/INDICTMENTS THE STATE NEVER PROVED EACH & EVERY ELEMENT ALLEGED.
8. MY ATTORNEY NEVER COMMUNICATED TO ME MY PRIOR CONVICTION(S), AND WHAT THE STATES POSITION WHEN I TAKE THE WITNESS STAND IN MY OWN DEFENSE.
9. JUROR 93, WAS A FRIEND OF SHERIFF, JUROR 250 KNEW ME AND MY FAMILY. THEREFORE HOW COULD I HAVE RECEIVED A FAIR TRIAL WITH JURY TAMPERING IN THIS CASE.
10. MY ATTORNEY OF RECORD REPRESENTED ME AS WELL AS (3) THREE OTHER GUYS IN WHICH THE SAME C.I. WASS INVOLVED WITH THESE CHARGES. RULE 1.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
11. MY ATTORNEY OF RECORD NEVER SEEN/VIEW THE INDICTMENT(S) OF WHICH THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY GRAND JURORS UPON THEIR OATH INDICTED ME. (SEE Tr. P.39, 6-12) RULE 1.1 COMPETENCY A LAWYER SHALL PROVIDE COMPETENT REPRESENTATION TO A CLIENT. COMPETENT REPRESENTATION REQUIAES THE LEGAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, THOROUGHNESS AND PREPARATION REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE REPRESENTATION.
12. MY ATTORNEY OF RECORD FAILED TO INVESTIGATE MY CASE, FOR IF HE HAD DONE A THROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN THE WARRANT(S) STATED (2) TWO DIFFRENT CHARGES. THE INDICTMENT(S) STATED SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT

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FROM THE WARRANT(S) 44-53-375(B)(3), 44-53-375(B)(1) SCHEDULE ~~II~~
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. THE BONDING OUT PAPERWORK STATES
P.W.I.D. 2-COUNTS, MY QUESTION NOW IS DOES DISTRIBUTION
44-53-375, POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE BASE
FALL UNDER THE SAME STATUTE?

13. THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH
THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE INTRODUCE IMPROPER
EVIDENCE I.E. VIDEO/MONEY WHICH MY ATTORNEY OF RECORD SHOULD
HAVE MOTION THE COURT TO SUPPRESS THIS EVIDENCE BEFORE THE
JURY WAS SWORN IN RULE 3.1 MERITORIOUS CLAIMS AND CONTENTIONS.
ALSO RULE 3.8, SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PROSECUTOR SEC.(d),
REFRAIN FROM PROSECUTING A CHARGE THAT THE PROSECUTOR KNOWS
IS NOT SUPPORTED BY PROBABLE CAUSE. WHICH NO PROBABLE
CAUSE TO HAVE THE CHARGES WHICH I'M INCARCERATED FOR
ALLEGED WITHIN AN INDICTMENT TO HAVE ME ARRESTED.

I AM INNOCENT OF ALL THESE CHARGES BECAUSE I FILED A
COMPLAINT AGAINST A. BLAKE #544 DEPUTY AND THE GEORGETOWN
SHERIFF'S OFFICE. DEPARTMENT FOR HARRASSMENT AND I FILE A
FEDERAL COMPLAINT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHICH LED
TO THESE OFFICERS FALSE WARRANTS/INDICTMENTS.

S/ Quentin Holt
QUENTIN HOLT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA }

COUNTY OF M^CCORMICK }

VERIFICATION

I, QUENTIN HOLT, BEING DULY SWORN UPON MY OATH,
DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT I HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO THE FOREGOING
BY PLACING THE SAME WITHIN THE UNITED STATES MAIL ADDRESSED
TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

PAUL ARCHER

ATTORNEY AT LAW

233 MUIRFIELD DRIVE

PAWLEYS, ISLAND, S.C. 29585

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

THIS 7th DAY OF November 2012

Stephane Marshall

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 12, 2021

S/ Quentin Holt

QUENTIN HOLT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO.; 10-GS-2200-179
10-GS-2200-181

Quentin J. Holt, #268198,)
)
 Applicant,)
)
 Vs.)
)
 State of South Carolina,)
)
Respondent.)

APPLICANT'S FIRST AMENDMENT
 TO POST-CONVICTION
 RELIEF APPLICATION

NOW COMES, the Applicant in the above captioned matter being first duly sworn deposes and state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

That the Applicant comes respectfully to move this Honorable Court on Amendment(s) to his Post-Conviction Relief Application filed on July 11, 2012.

The Applicant makes the following Amendments in addition to issues raised in original application:

- (1). Applicant contends that his conviction for Drugs/Manufacture, Distribution, etc., of Methamphetamine or Cocaine Base, 1st 3014 Two Counts. Were Constructive Amended.
- (2). That the Chain of Custody Link have been broken.
- (3). Applicant contends that the Trial Court was without any jurisdiction to entertain indictment(s) of an greater sentence/ offense.
- (4). Applicant was denied effective assistance of Trial Counsel.

- (5). Applicant contends that there were no chain of custody in the following; from (C.I.) to Deputy Grant.
- (6). Applicant was denied of discovery of Grand Jury Impanelment Documents.
- (7). Prosecutorial Misconduct, where Trial Counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the Solicitor's Closing Arguments.
- (8). Denial of Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- (1). Whether or not Trial Court lacked jurisdiction of the Distribution of Cocaine Base Third, Two Counts?
- (2). Whether or not Applicant's convictions and sentence violated double jeopardy?
- (3). Whether the State proved beyond a reasonable doubt with each and every element of the crime(s) charged?
- (4). Whether or not the Applicant's due process of law/equal protection of the law was violated?
- (5). Whether the State produced chain of custody?
- (6). Was Applicant denied discovery of grand jury impanelment documents?
- (7). Whether Erin Bailey constructively amended Applicant indictments?
- (8). Whether the Court denied Applicant his Sixth Amendment right

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(8). to Counsel at his revocation hearing?

STATEMENT OF FACTS
IN REFERENCE TO ISSUE NO. 1 ABOVE:

Probable caused to issue an arrest warrant for Two Counts of Drugs/Manufacture, Distribution, etc. of Methamphetamine or Cocaine Base first in violation of S.C. Code Section 44.53.375 (B) (1), by Warrant # J-513626, J-513630. These charges were up graded to Distribution Third Offense. However, prior to trial the State amended the indictments constructively First to Third, where there are many different charge's. (See Warrants/Indictments Exhibit 1)

IN REFERENCE TO ISSUE NO. 2 ABOVE:

After Applicant's charges were upgraded from Section 44.53.375 (B) (1), to Section 44.53.375 (B) (3), on September 20/21, 2010. The State prepared an indictment for Distribution of Cocaine Base Third Offense, which is in violation of 17-19-100 S.C. Code of Laws.

IN REFERENCE TO ISSUE NO. 3 ABOVE:

Applicant contends that the State never proved beyond a reasonable doubt each element of the crime charged. The Solicitor never produced the following:

- (a). Applicant's Trial Counsel failed to object to this constructive amended indictment when the chain of custody was not challenge.
- (b). Applicant's Trial Counsel failed to properly informed his client that he could not be convicted and punished for the greater and lesser of Distribution and P.W.I.D.

which is a lesser included offense of Distribution of Cocaine.

- (c). Trial Counsel failed to investigate and inform his client of the circumstances surrounding his arrest.
- (d). Trial Counsel failed to properly and fully inform Applicant of the nature and cause of the accusation against him and necessary requirement of proof of each and every element being charged in the indictment.
- (e). Trial Counsel failed to properly and fully inform his client as to the merits of his case and the likelihood of success if going to trial was imminent in that there was a great difference "variance" between indictment and the proof which the State intended to prove.

IN REFERENCE TO ISSUE NO. 4 ABOVE:

In light of all the facts in Issues 1 thru 3 above, the Trial Court failed to protect the Applicant's due process to know what the State have called issued indictments which he is called upon to answer. The Trial Court failed to protect the Applicant's Equal Protection of the Law. Where Prosecutor Erin Bailey had not proven each and every element of the crimes charged.

ARGUMENT

IN REFERENCE TO ISSUE NO. 1 ABOVE:

It was error for Trial Court to allow the State to constructively amend the Indictment from 44.53.375 (B) (1), to 44.53.375 (B) (3), when there was probable cause submitted for 44.53.375 (B) (1),

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and the dates of June 14, and 15, 2009.

The probable cause to have Applicant arrested was on the warrant for Drugs/Manufacture, Distribution, etc. of Methamphetamine or Cocaine Base, First. But upon Applicant going to trial an indictment was entered for 44.53.375 (B) (3), which now have changed the elements as well as the punishment from fifteen (15) years, to twenty-five (25) years, the Applicant's indictment read as follows:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	INDICTMENT FOR
)	
COUNTY OF <u>GEORGETOWN</u>)	DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE
		CDR; 3039 44-53-0375 (BX3)

At a Court of General Sessions convened on February 2010 Term, the Grand Jurors of Georgetown County upon their oath:

That Quentin J. Holt, did in Georgetown County, on or about June 17, 2009, Distribute, Dispense or Deliver or Did Aid, Abet, Attempt or Conspire To Distribute, Dispense or Deliver A Quantity of Cocaine Base, a Controlled Substance Under Provisions of Section 44.53.110, et seq. Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, such distribution not having been authorized by law, and being in violation of Section 44.53.375 (B), S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Applicant

~~Applicant~~ alleges that he is being held unlawfully against the laws under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Laws of the State of South Carolina.

That this Court was without jurisdiction to impose sentence;

That there exists evidence of material facts not previously presented and heard, that requires vacation of the conviction or sentence in the interest of justice.

That his sentenced have expired, his probation, parole or the conditional release unlawfully revoked or he is otherwise unlawfully held in custody or other restraint; or

That the conviction or sentence is otherwise subject to collateral attack upon any ground of alleged error heretofore available under any common law, statutory or other writ, motion petition, proceeding or remedy, may institute, without paying a filing fee.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF MCCORMICK)

VERIFICATION

I, Quentin J. Holt, deposes and states that upon my oath that said Amendment To Post-Conviction Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

s/ Quentin Holt
Quentin J. Holt

Sworn and Subscribed to

before me this 2 day of July, 2012.

Jay L Young
Notary Public For South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 10 11 2021

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INEFFECTED ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

1. Counsel was ineffective for failing to conduct an adequate pre-trial investigation as the Supreme Court also recognized in Strickland Counsel bears a duty to make a "reasonable" investigation of the law and facts in the Client's Case. South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 407, Rule 1.1, requires a lawyer to provide competent service to a Client competent representation is defined as the legal knowledge, skill thoroughness and preparation reasonably for the representation.

2. It is the duty of the lawyer to conduct a prompt investigation of the circumstances of the case. And to explore all avenues leading to facts relevant to the merits of the case and the penalty in the event of conviction. . . . Cezar stated you can win one and loose one!!! The investigation should always include efforts to secure information in the possession of the Prosecution and Law Enforcement. Discovery Material(s) . . . Received It From Cezar on February 14, 2011. The duty to investigate exists regardless of the accused admissions or statements to the lawyer of facts constituting guilt or the accused's states desire to plea guilty. When a lawyer fails to conduct a substantial investigation into any of his client's possible lines of defense, the lawyer have failed to render effective assistance of counsel, Cobb v. State, 3605 S.C. 299, 408 S.E. 2d 223 (1991). Failure to investigate the charge against Applicant, research all motion(s) which were filed. Applicant may have made an informed decision, South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.4 Communication.

(a). A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

(b). A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make an informed decisions regarding the representation. Offer made by the Solicitor's Office.

Counsel's performance fell below an objective standard by not investigating the procedure of the Georgetown Sheriff Department if Counsel had put forth the standard of a competent lawyer. The results of his performance would have been unmeasurable in seeking the truth.

Counsel's failure to conduct an independent investigation does not in itself constitute ineffective assistance of counsel when the allegation is supported only by mere speculation as to the results. Davis v. State, 326 S.C. 283, 486 S.E. 2d 747 (1997). Applicant states his Counsel's performance to put forth caselaw to support i.e., arguments, objections, motions which were before the Court establish Counsel was inadequately prepared for trial. Applicant must present evidence of what Counsel could have discovered or provided other defenses which could have been pursued, had Counsel been fully prepared. See Jackson v. State, 329 S.C. 345, 495 S.E. 2d 768 (1988), Moorehead v. State, 329 S.C. 496 S.E. 2d 415 (1988).

The standard of which claims of ineffective assistance of counsel claim pursuant to the United States Supreme Court in Strickland v. Washington, that Counsel's duty was to provide effective assistance which is required under the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution.

- 1). Trial Counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the Court submittting Text of 44-53-375 (B) (3) to the Jury.

At the start of the Jury deliberations the Judge announced to the Jury Foreperson that he has prepared for your use in the Jury Room a Verdict Form. On this Verdict Form, I am going to go over it with you at this time. There are three (3) possible verdicts which appear on the Verdict Form.

The first possible verdict which appears on the Verdict Form reads as follows; We, The Jury, Find The Defendant Guilty of in the Amount of _____ Grams.

The second possible verdict which should have appeared on the Verdict Form should have read as follows: We, The Jury, Find The Defendant Guilty of the lesser included offense of

The third possible verdict which should have appeared on the Verdict Form should have read as follows: We, The Jury, Find The Defendant Not Guilty. By the Judge submitting the Text of the Trafficking Statute to the Jury in written form was highly prejudicial to the Applicant.

This is a novel question of law in South Carolina; However, historically, as a common practice, Trial Judges in South Carolina have not given the actual text of a statute in written form to a Jury. The Court of Appeals of New York have ruled that the "Consent of Defense Counsel is an absolute precondition to furnishing the Jury with the Text of a Statute because questions may arise concerning which sections of pertinent statutory material should be given to the Jury." People v. Sanders, 70 N.Y. 2d 837, 838 (N.Y. 1987) (Citations Omitted). Therefore, we find that the Judge's submission of the actual text of the statute was in error because covert's Counsel did not consent to it being given to the Jury. See State v. Covert, OP. No: 4071 (S.C. APP. 2006).

"The general rule of issue preservation states that if an issue was not raised and ruled upon below, it would not be considered for the first time on appeal." State v. Passmore, 611 S.E. 2d 273 (S.C. 2003); State v. Lee, 564 S.E. 2d 372 (S.C. APP. 2002). Our Courts have "consistently refused to apply the plain error rule." Jackson v. Speed, 486 S.E. 2d 750 (S.C. 1997) (Citations Omitted). Instead, we have held: "It is the responsibility of Counsel to preserve issues for Appellate Review" Id.

Our Supreme Court, In I'on, LLC. v. Town of Mt. Pleasant, 526 S.E. 2d 716 (S.C. 2000).

Imposing this preservation requirement on the Appellant is meant to enable the Lower Court to rule properly after it have considered all relevant facts, laws, and arguments. The requirements also serves as a keen incentive for a party to prepare a case thoroughly. It prevents a party from keeping an ace card up their

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sleeve — intentionally or by chance — in hope that an Appellate Court will accept that ace card and, via a reversal, give him another opportunity to prove his case.

Id. at 422, 526, S.E. 2d at 724 (Citations Omitted); See also, Ellie Inc. v. Micchichi, 594, S.E. 2d 485 (CT. APP. 2004) ("Without an initial ruling by the Trial Court, a Reviewing Court simply would not be able to evaluate whether the Trial Court committed error).

1. The Applicant was denied due process of a fair trial and is entitled to a new trial on the grounds of lack of proof and insufficient evidence.

In the instant case, the Applicant was convicted on insufficient hearsay evidence introduced by a State Witness whose credibility was in question. There is no direct evidence linking the Applicant to the State's Star Witness, Joe Nathan Lewis, but there are credible evidence that Joe Lewis, had pending charges, i.e., Shoplifting And Breach of Trust, and expecting some type of deal, as a matter of fact, Joe Nathan Lewis. While this case was being heard he was under arrested for specified crimes, yet, time and time again, it was the testimony of Erin E. Bailey, that no deal had been made for his testimony in return for leniency from prosecution. Then, you use a three minute phone call to say that's him! Realistically you use this kind of evidence to trap someone. There's no evidence of conspiracy. There is no eye-witness evidence as the State contend that a video tape of the alleged drug transaction when in fact the Solicitor never produced this video tape or the drug money which was used in this transaction. The

Applicant never conspired to dispense or commit any of the allegations that he's accused of and he's entitled to a new trial.

"The power to grant new trials in cases tried by the Circuit Courts was one of their inherent powers." State v. David, 14 S.C. 428 (S.C. 1881). Defendant asserts this inherent power to grant a new trial, has not, and can not be circumvented through any other rule of law, or case law. (1). In fact, "Circuit Courts have the power to grant new trials not only under specific provisions rules or restrictive case law can interfere with a Court's power and jurisdiction to correct injustices. In this case at bar, accused has raised a lack of proof Aliunde of Corpus Delect, Lack of Evidence Beyond a Reasonable Doubt. Not only is the Indictment for Distribution of Cocaine Base, overly broad and vague. This Indictment is insufficient for conviction. "Trial Court has a duty to Direct Verdict when there is absence of evidence of a material element of the offense." State v. Gore, 456 S.E. 2d 419 (S.C. APP. 1995). Where evidence is insufficient to support a conviction on the lesser offense, and Appellate Court on Appeal may direct the entry of judgement on the lesser offense. See State v. Muldrow, 559 S.E. 2d 847 (S.C. 2002). "A conviction without evidence to it is contrary to law and requires a new trial. See State v. Hampton, 60 S.E. 669 (S.C. 1908). If there is no evidence of Corpus Delecti, the Defendant is entitled to a Direct Verdict. See State v. Epps, 39 S.E. 2d 769 (S.C. 1946); State v. Teal, 82 S.E. 2d 787 (S.C. 1954) (Defining Corpus Delect). Applicant was convicted upon insufficient evidence by a manifested denial of fundamental fairness shocking to the universal sense of Justice, Butler v. State, 397 S.E. 2d 87

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(S.C. 1990); See Dissent in Johnson v. Catoe, 548 S.E. 2d 589 (S.C. 2001) (Arguing a grant of a new trial under Butler). In this case, the State did not, has not, and indeed can not present credible evidence establishing each and every element of the crime charged as required by, State v. Smith, 266 S.E. 2d 422 (S.C. 1980).

Denial of Discovery of The Grand Jury Impanelment Documents

In the instant case, Applicant was denied discovery of the Grand Jury that allegedly indicted him, denying him fundamental fairness, due process, and equal protection of the law.

See indictment for Distribution of Cocaine Base, it is alleged that the Georgetown County Grand Jury convended on February 10, 2010, and presented upon their oath, and true billed the indictment. This indictment is not legal and is defective because on the face of this indictment it is shown that the Grand Jury True Billed the indictment on February 10, 2010, which supports the Grand Jury Pre-True Bill the indictment before the Grand Jury convended on February 10, 2010, in which the Court of General Sessions was without jurisdiction to entertain the matters, so therefore proof is needed in support of the Grand Jury Process.

In Evans v. State, 611 S.E. 2d 510 (S.C. 2005); a Defendant's right to obtain recorded proceedings and testimony before the State Grand Jury in preparing his defense, which right is subject to the limitations imposed by statute and rule, necessary arises past-indictment; although maintaining secrecy is essential while a matter is under deliberations by the Grand Jury, such concerns diminish

following issuance of a True Bill of Indictment, and thus, a Defendant is allowed to obtain and use the impanelment documents in preparing a defense and ensuring protection of his due process rights U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. 14, Code 1976, 14-7-1700, 14-7-1720 (B). Also see Rules Criminal Procedures Rule 5; Criminal Law Key 627.9 (1). Grand Jury Key 41.50 (3).

Grand Jury Impanelment Documents May Be Released To A
Defendant Prior To Trial Upon Timely Request Or To
An Applicant In A P.C.R. Proceeding

See Criminal Law Key 1032 (2); also challenges to legality and sufficiency of the process of a County Grand Jury must be made before the Jury renders a verdict in order to preserve the error for Direct Appellate Review. The Applicant in this matter was denied due process and equal protection of the law.

PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT

In the instant case, the Applicant's due process rights were violated when the Prosecution engaged in misconduct during Closing Arguments, a violation to which Defense Counsel failed to raise an proper objection. The Prosecutor's repeatedly vouching the credibility of the State's main witnesses prejudiced the Applicant and rendered the trial fundamentally unfair. The rule is well established that the Government may prosecute with earnest and vigor. Berger v. United States, 295 U.S. 78 (1935). But, the Supreme Court have held that. . . "While the Prosecutor may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones." Id. It is as much the Prosecutor's duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one." Id.

See Darden v. Wainwright, 477 U.S. 168 (1986); Gialic v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1992). Likewise, it is necessary to review the entire proceedings and place the Prosecutor's remarks in context. Greer v. Miller, 483 U.S. 756 (1982). However, if a Trial Court issues a curative instruction it is assumed that the Jury will follow the instruction and disregard any improper statements by the Prosecutor. In the instant case, the Court issued no curative instruction regarding the improper statements." A Solicitor's Closing Argument must not appeal to the personal biases of the Jurors. In addition, the argument may not be calculated to arouse the Juror's Passions or Prejudices, and it's content's should stay within the record and reasonable inferences to it." State v. Copeland, 468 S.E. 2d 620 (S.C. 1996); Vaugh v. State, Op. No. 25914 (S.C. 2004); Gradsky v. United States, 373 F. 2d 706 (1967).

Denial Of Sixth Amendment To U.S. Constitution Amend. VI

Appellant contends that his right to Counsel to his Probation Revocation Proceedings held in Georgetown County on September 22, 2010, was not attached Salley v. State, 306 S.C. 213, 215, 410 S.E. 2d 921, 922 (1991).

To establish a valid waiver of Counsel, the accused must be advised of the right to counsel and adequately warned of the dangers of self representation. Faretta v. California, 422 U.S. 866, 835, 95 S.Ct. 2525, 2451, 45 L.Ed. 2d 562, 581-82 (1975).

Appellant contends that his Trial Attorney Cezar McKnight, by correspondence stated to Appellant his services were only for the pending charges, not for the probation violation. Therefore, Honorable Judge, Benjamin Culbertson, should have appointed a Public Defender to up hold Appellant's Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel.

Appellant submitted a timely Motion To Appeal his Probation Revocation Hearing on July 11, 2011, to the South Carolina Department of Parole, Probation, Pardons Services. (See Exhibits)

Therefore, Honorable Judge, Benjamin Culbertson, should have postponed this Revocation Hearing to make sure Appellant's Probation Revocation Proceedings attached with his Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Appellant states the Court was without jurisdiction to hear the Probation Revocation Proceedings, because there was not a valid waiver of Counsel. Appellant was not advised of the right to have Counsel at his Probation Revocation Proceedings, Salley v. State, 306 S.C. 213, 215, 410 S.E. 2d 921 (1991).

The current sentence of four (4) years should not be allowed to stand, Appellant requests upon this Court for the four (4) years which was imposed at his Trial be void without force. The Sixth Amendment guarantees a right to counsel in Probation Revocation Proceedings.

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PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT

The Prosecutor committed misconduct by presenting an indictment to the Grand Jury of Georgetown County that was not filed with the Clerk of Court in violation of Rule 3(b), and 3(c), of the SCRCRIM.P. Once the Prosecutor received the warrant from the Clerk of Court of General Sessions Court, he/she had ninety (90) days to take action by preparing an indictment. The Prosecutor must return the indictment to the Clerk's Office to be "filed" receiving the authoritative clock-stamp.

In the present case on the indictment which has been assigned a case number, "True Billed" signed by the Grand Jury Foreman. However, on the indictment it have the word witnesses, (SEE State v. Dawkins, 377 S.E. 2d 298 S.C. 1989). Which the Court once again discouraged the practice of using a Solicitor or other State Officer as Sole Witness, and the Signature of the Grand Jury Foreman is not dated and yet not filed with the Clerk of Court. Further the indictment does not show what date the Grand Jury convened upon their oath) and the True Bill appears to be written, not stamped. Counsel for the Respondent should be held accountable. Counsel for the Respondent also prepared an indictment that did not bare the Statute 44-53-375 B(1), a further defect of the indictment. Therefore, the Grand Jury of Georgetown County could not have return a proper indictment.

SEE Browning v. State, 320 S.C. 360,386; 465 S.E. 2d 358, 359 (1995); Brown v. State, 343 S.C. 343, 347; S.E. 2d 846, 849 (2001); State v. Primus, 349 S.C. 576, 579; 564 S.E. 2d 103, 105 (2002); State v. Beam, 336 S.C. 45, 518 S.E. 2d 297 (Ct.App. 1999).

An indictment is sufficient to convey jurisdiction if it appraise the Defendant of the necessary elements of the offense intended to be charged and informs the Defendant of the circumstances he must be able to defend. SEE State v. Parker, 344 S.C. 250 S.E. 2d 255 (Ct.App. 2001).

An indictment poses legal muster if it charges the crime substantially in the language of the . . . statute prohibiting the crime or so plainly that the nature of the offense charged may be easily understood, SEE State v. Nelson, Id.

Here in this case the indictment shows not statutorily jurisdictional code on the face whatsoever. In State v. Quattlebaum, 577, 441 S.E. 2d 105 (S.C. 2000). The S.C. Supreme Court held that a Prosecutor has special responsibilities to do justice and is held to the highest standard of professional ethics. . . And that the deliberate, Prosecutorial Misconduct which threatens rights fundamental to liberty and justices will not be tolerated. Accordingly, the standard for reviewing a claim of Prosecutorial Misconduct is whether the Prosecutor's actions are of such a nature as render the trial fundamentally unfair. SEE Donnelly v. Dechertophard, 64 U.S. 637, 94 S.Ct. 1868 (1947).

The Solicitor's duty is to see that no conviction takes place except in strict conformity with the law, that the accused is not deprived of any constitutional rights and that nothing is done to prevent the accused from obtaining a fair trial under the law. SEE State v. King, 71 S.E. 2d 793 (S.C. 1952).

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Due Process of Law requires the State to establish each element of each offense by proof beyond a reasonable doubt. SEE Inre v. Winship, 397 U.S. 358 (1970).

I was not provided with a Drug Analysis Report from the Georgetown County Organized Crime Bureau or the Georgetown County Sheriff's Department Chain of Custody Report from the Solicitor. The Trial Counsel should have pointed these issues out to the Court by raising a Brady violation and Filed a Jackson v. Deno Motion to Suppress The Evidence. SEE Rules 5 and 6, of the S.C.R.Crim.P.) State v. Joseph, 491 S.E. 2d 275, at 280, S.C.App. 019972-280-285. Id.

Article I, 553 of the S.C. Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, Brady v. Maryland, 323 U.S. 583, 5, CF 1194 (1963). Due Process withholding evidence that if would been presented would have shown all violations.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

The Court lacked Subject Matter Jurisdiction to convict because the indictment was not dated or clock-stamped by the Clerk of Court which is in violation of Rule 3(b) and 3(c), of the S.C.R.Crim.P. The Court of General Sessions for Georgetown County did error in accepting "unfiled" documentation in the form of my indictment. The Court had to be aware that the indictment did not carry the necessary Statute for Distribution of Cocaine Base, 44-53-375(B)(1), as did the Arrest Warrant(s).

In Gentry v. State, the Supreme Court held that in order for an Applicant to challenge the sufficiency of an indictment in a P.C.R., it must be challenged before a Jury was sworn. I respectfully agree,

and admit, had I been knowledgeable of the Law concerning this issue at the time of my arrest and trial. I would have questioned the Solicitor, and Counsel to perform his duty to make the challenge on my behalf. The Court held the indictment(s) within his hands which clearly shows a statute different from the Arrest Warrant(s), and my Counsel was "Ineffective" in assisting me in this matter. The indictment witness(es) is the Georgetown Sheriff's Department which is a entity as a sole witness it should be two (2) witness(es), and not a State Officer/Entity as a sole witness. SEE State v. Dawkins, 377 S.E. 2d 298 (S.C. 1989). The Court once again discouraged the practice of using a Solicitor or other State Officer as Sole Witness(es).

The indictment has True Billed stamped on it's face and signed by the Grand Jury Foreman. However, the signature is not dated and there is no indication that the indictment was received and filed by the Clerk of Court. The State's failure to ensure compliance with S.C. Code 14-17-530 (2), deprive the Trial Court of Subject Matter Jurisdiction.

I further argue that on September 22, 2010, I was unlawfully convicted and sentenced based on the many errors of my case and the indictment/warrant(s).

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Quentin Holt, #268198)	C/A NO: 2012-CP-22_735
Applicant,)	
vs,)	AMENDMENT TO POST CONVICTION
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	APPLICATION
Defendant.)	
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Now comes Quentin Holt, # 268198 through his undersigned attorney moves this Court pursuant to rule 15 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure for an Order to amend the Post Conviction Application. These claims are amended to the Claim:

1. Counsel was ineffective by his failure to do reasonable investigation and move to suppress communications that was unlawfully intercepted in violation of §17-30-10 et. seq. and especially 17-30-65 (Admissibility of Contents or Evidence derived from, Intercepted Communication) and the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and parallel to the South Carolina Constitution Art. 1, § 10.

2. Appellate counsel was ineffective by failing to raise amending the indictments before the South Carolina Appellate Court.

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Quentin Holt, #268198)	C/A NO: 2012-CP-22-735
Applicant,)	
vs,)	MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	OF AMENDMENT TO PCR
Respondent.)	

1. Counsel was ineffective by his failure to do reasonable investigation and move to suppress communication that was unlawfully intercepted in violation §17-30-10 et. seq. and especially §17-30-65 (Admissibility of Contents or Evidence derive from. Intercepted Communication) and the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and parallel to the South Carolina Constitution Art. 1, § 10 against Unreasonable Search and Seizure.

In order to prove that counsel was ineffective, the PCR Applicant must show that: (1) counsel's performance was deficient, and (2) there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different. Strickland v Washington 466 U.S. 668 (1984); Rhodes v State, 349 S.C., 561 S.E.2d 608 (2002). A reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the

outcome of the trial. Id. Furthermore, when a defendant's conviction is challenged, "the question is whether the defendant was prejudiced by that error, and there is a reasonable probability that, absent the error, the fact finder would have has a reasonable doubt respecting guilt." Strickland at 695. Moreover, a criminal defense attorney has a duty to investigate, but this duty is limited to reasonable investigation. Ard v Catoe, 372 S.C. 318, 642 S.E.2d 590 (200). quoting Thompson v Wainwright 737 F.2d 1447, 1450 (11 Cir. 1986) See also Strickland v Washington, 466 U.S. at 691. When evaluating the reasonableness of counsel's conduct, "the Court should keep in mind that counsel's function, as elaborated in prevailing professional norms, is to make the adversarial testing work in the particular case. Strickland 466 at 690. Moreover, while the scope of a reasonable investigation depends upon a number of issues, "at a minimum, counsel has the duty to interview potential witnesses and to make an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances of the case." Troedel v Wainwright 667 F.Supp. 1456, 1461 (S.D.Fla 1986).

Here in this case, there is no mention of a warrant or authorizing the Interception of wire, Electronic, or Oral communication that Reginld Grant, got before he and Mr. Lewis met. Tr. p. 64, lines 2-4, lines 9-25, p. 65, lines 1-16, p. 67, lines 5-7, p. 71, lines 11-20, p. 72, lines 17-24.

The communication was unlawfully intercepted and introduced to the jury in violation of this section, and therefore the Applicant must have a new trial.

2. Appellate counsel was ineffective by failing to raise amending the indictment before the South Carolina Appellate Court.

A defendant is constitutionally entitled to effective assistance of appellate counsel. Evitts v Lucey, 469 U.S. 387 (1985). Appellate counsel has a professional duty to choose among potential issues according to their merit. Jones v Barnes 463 U.S. 745 (1983). The Applicant must show that appellate counsel's performance was deficient and that he was prejudiced by the deficiency. Thrift v State, 397 S.E.2d at 537; gilchrist v State, 364 S.C. 173, 612 S.E.2d 702 (2005). When a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel is based upon failure to raise viable issues, the court must examine the record to determine, "whether appellate counsel failed to present significant and obvious issues on appeal." Gray v Greer, 800 F.2d 644, 646 (7th Cir 1986). generally, the presumption of effective assistance of counsel will be overcome only when the alleged ignored issues are clearly stronger than those actually raised on appeal. *Id.*

where result of appeal would have been different had counsel not been deficient, the appropriate remedy is to grant a new trial. Ezell v State, 345 S.C. 312, 548 S.E.2d 852 (2001).

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Quentin Holt, #268198)	C/A NO: 2012-CP-22-735
Applicant,)	
vs,)	AFFIDAVIT OF MAIL SERVICE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
<u>Respondent</u>)	

I Quentin Holt being first duly sworn and under the penalty of perjury depose and states;

1. That I am the applicant in the above numbered case.
2. The mail service is a proper means of communication in the State of South Carolina and mail service is proper in this matter.
3. That I have on this 19 day of March 2013 mail a copy of the Amendment of this Post Conviction Application to Paul Archer, Esquire, 233 Muirfield Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29565 for filing in Georgetown Common Please Court.

Sworn to and Subscribed before Me

This 19 day of March 2013

Joyce L Young
Notary Public of S.C.

My Commission expires 10-11-2021

Quentin Holt
Quentin Holt

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)	FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Quentin J. Holt, #268198,)	
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)	C.A. No. 2012-CP-22-00735
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Applicant,)	
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)	AMENDED RETURN
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State of South Carolina,)	
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Respondent.)	
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The Respondent, making its Amended Return to the Application for Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) filed July 11, 2012, would respectfully show this Court:

I.

Applicant is presently confined in the South Carolina Department of Corrections pursuant to orders of commitment of the Georgetown County Clerk of Court. The Georgetown County Grand Jury indicted Applicant in February 2010 for two counts of distribution of cocaine base, third offense (2010-GS-22-179 and 2010-GS-22-181). Cezar E. McKnight, Esquire, represented applicant on the charge. On September 20-22, 2010, Applicant stood trial before the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson and a jury. The jury found Applicant guilty as indicted. Judge Culbertson sentenced Applicant to confinement for a period of twenty-five (25) years on each charge, to run concurrently.

Applicant filed a timely notice of appeal and Tristan M. Shaffer of the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense perfected the appeal. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction in an unpublished opinion on April 25, 2012. See State v. Holt, Op No. 2012-UP-253

(S.C. Ct. App. filed April 25, 2012). The remittitur was returned to the circuit court on May 15, 2012.

Attached to the State's initial Return and incorporated therein were the records of the Georgetown County Clerk of Court regarding the subject convictions, Applicant's records from the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and the trial transcript. Attached to this Amended Return and incorporated herein is the opinion from Applicant's direct appeal. Any records not attached will be forwarded upon receipt. The State reserves the right to further amend this Amended Return upon receipt of any relevant materials.

II.

In his first amendment to his current application, Applicant alleges that he is being held in custody unlawfully for the following reasons:

1. "[H]is convictions ... Were Constructive Amended."
2. "[T]he Chain of Custody Link have been broken."
3. "[T]he Trial Court was without any jurisdiction to entertain indictment9s0 of an greater sentence/offense."
4. "Applicant was denied effective assistance of Trial Counsel."
5. "[T]here was no chain of custody ... from (C.I.) to Deputy Grant."
6. "Applicant was denied discovery of Grand Jury Impanelment Documents."
7. "Prosecutorial Misconduct, where Trial Counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the Solicitor's Closing Arguments."
8. "Denial of sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution."

In a second amendment, Applicant further alleges:

1. "Counsel was ineffective by his failure to do reasonable investigation and move to suppress communications that was unlawfully intercepted..."
2. "Appellate counsel was ineffective by failing to raise amending the indictments before the South Carolina Appellate Court."

Any claims not specifically enumerated in the Application or amendments thereto will be opposed by the State at the evidentiary hearing. All amendments should be made well in advance of hearing and should be filed in compliance with Rule 11, SCRCP.

III.

In a post-conviction relief action, the applicant bears the burden of proving the allegations in their application. Butler v. State, 286 S.C. 441, 442, 334 S.E.2d 813, 814 (1985) (citing Griffin v. Martin, 278 S.C. 620, 300 S.E.2d 482 (1983)). Where the application alleges ineffective assistance of counsel as a ground for relief, the applicant must prove that "counsel's conduct so undermined the proper functioning of the adversarial process that the trial cannot be relied upon as having produced a just result." Id. (citing Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 686 (1984)).

The proper measure of performance is whether the attorney provided representation within the range of competence required in criminal cases. Id. (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 687; Turner v. Bass, 753 F.2d 342 (4th Cir. 1985); Marzullo v. Maryland, 561 F.2d 540 (4th Cir. 1977)). The court strongly presumes that counsel rendered adequate assistance and made all significant decisions in the exercise of reasonable professional judgment. Id. (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 690). The applicant must overcome this presumption in order to receive relief. Cherry v. State, 300 S.C. 115, 118, 386 S.E.2d 624, 625 (1989).

The reviewing court applies a two-pronged test in evaluating allegations of ineffective assistance of plea counsel. Id. at 117, 386 S.E.2d at 625. First, the Applicant must prove that counsel's performance was deficient. Id. Under this prong, the court measures an attorney's performance by its "reasonableness under prevailing professional norms." Id. (citing Strickland, 466

U.S. at 688). Second, counsel's deficient performance must have prejudiced the Applicant such that "there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's unprofessional errors, the result of the proceeding would have been different." Id. at 117-18, 386 S.E.2d at 625.

The State submits that Applicant cannot satisfy either requirement of the Strickland test. However, the allegation of ineffective assistance of counsel probably raises questions of fact that the record does not conclusively refute. Accordingly, the State requests an evidentiary hearing to fully resolve this issue. See Sharper v. State, 279 S.C. 264, 305 S.E.2d 247 (1983).

IV.

The State submits that Applicant's allegations regarding the chain of custody or the indictment should be dismissed. Post-conviction relief "is not a substitute for nor does it affect any remedy incident to the proceedings in the trial court, or of direct review of the sentence or conviction." S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-20(b); see also Simmons v. State, 264 S.C. 417, 423, 215 S.E.2d 883, 885 (1975) ("It is uniformly held that an application for post-conviction relief is not a substitute for an appeal."). Applicant's allegations regarding the chain of custody are an inappropriate challenge to the sufficiency of the evidence. See Ashley v. State, 260 S.C. 436, 438, 196 S.E.2d 501, 502 (1973). The allegations relating to the indictment must be raised before the jury is sworn. See State v. Gentry, 363 S.C. 93, 101, 610 S.E.2d 494, 499 (2005). Applicant could have raised these issues at trial or on appeal. His failure to do so has waived these allegations as grounds for relief. Therefore, the State requests these allegations be dismissed.

V.

Each and every allegation contained within the Application not hereinbefore either expressly admitted, qualified, or explained is hereby denied.

VI.

WHEREFORE, having made its Amended Return, the State requests that an evidentiary hearing be held on the allegations so requiring one, and that all other allegations be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)	
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)	2012-CP-22-735
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QUENTIN J. HOLT #268198)	
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Applicant,)	
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vs)	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

1. I am an employee of the Respondent in the above-captioned action.
2. Regular communication by mail exists throughout the State of South Carolina and that this is a proper circumstance of service by mail.
3. I have this day served a copy of the **Amended Return** in the above-captioned matter on the following person by depositing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

Charles T. Brooks, III, Esquire
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DATED this 20TH day of August , 2013.


Norma Bigbee, Legal Assistant
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN) COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
QUENTIN J. HOLT)
268198)
PETITIONER,)
v.) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,) 12-CP-22-735

RESPONDENT.)

August 29, 2013
Georgetown, South Carolina

B E F O R E :

THE HONORABLE J. CORDELL MADDOX, JR., JUDGE

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1 MR. THOMAS: The next case is Quentin Holt
2 versus the State of South Carolina.

3 THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Holt.

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5 MR. THOMAS: May it please the Court.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. THOMAS: This is case number
8 2012-CP-22-735. Mr. Holt was indicted in July
9 of two thousand -- I'm sorry, in February of 2010
10 for distribution of crack cocaine two counts. He
11 went to trial September 20th through 22nd of 2010.
12 He was convicted as indicted. The Honorable
13 Benjamin H. Culbertson sentenced him to 25 years on
14 one distribution charge and a concurrent 25 years on
15 the second distribution charge. Tristan M.
16 Schaeffer of the Office of Appellate Defense filed
17 an appeal for him. That appeal was -- the
18 conviction was affirmed in unpublished opinion. PCR
19 was filed July 11th, 2012. Mr. Holt is present in
20 court with his attorney Mr. Brooks and the State is
21 ready to proceed.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Yes, sir.

23 MR. BROOKS: Judge.

24 THE COURT: Call your first witness or
25 I'll be happy to hear from you.

1 MR. BROOKS: Before I get ready to call
2 our witness, Judge, one other issue that I want to
3 raise was my client subsequently had a probation
4 matter that was revoked without having a hearing and
5 he had four years added on to his sentence, but I
6 think it probably was done with the intent of being
7 done concurrently.

8 THE COURT: Yeah, I would think so.

9 MR. BROOKS: So I wanted to -- he wanted
10 me to at least raise that issue to the Court. I
11 don't know if that's something that needed to be
12 raised through Al Shabazz petition.

13 THE COURT: Probably. I mean, I don't
14 think I can deal with it. I would assume that -- in
15 fact, I'm sure I can't deal with it today but quite
16 frankly I would guarantee that the judge meant to do
17 it concurrent.

18 MR. BROOKS: So that would mean the man
19 could come make for the probation revocation
20 hearing.

21 THE COURT: Yeah, I, you know, I've done
22 those. Quite frankly, I've talked to probation
23 agent or I've had lawyers talk to probation agent
24 and done a consent order. You might try that. I
25 mean, it just depends on the agent.

1 MR. BROOKS: And you know, I don't know
2 how folks are, you know, probation as far as down
3 here. but it might be something he has to do in an
4 Al Shabazz petition. I just want to bring it to
5 y'all's attention.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. BROOKS: Be that as it may we call
8 Quentin Holt to the stand.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 THE CLERK OF COURT: Place your left hand
11 on the Bible and raise your right hand please.
12 WHEREUPON,

13 **QUENTIN HOLT,**
14 having been duly sworn by the Clerk of Court,
15 testified as follows:

16 THE CLERK OF COURT: Please be seated.
17 State and spell your name for the record.

18 THE WITNESS: Quentin Holt.

19 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

20 BY MR. BROOKS:

21 Q Mr. Holt, you understand that conversation I had
22 with the Court about that extra four years from the
23 probation revocation what you may have to do?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q You familiar with doing an Al Shabazz petition on

1 your own through SCDC?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q Okay. But you understand that you have to
4 address that through Al Shabazz petition?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Okay, all right. Now obviously you filed a PCR
7 for ineffective assistance against Mr. McKnight.
8 He's the one that represented you; is that correct?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. You went to trial on this case; is that
11 right?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q All right. Now one of the things that you
14 expressed is that you didn't know exactly how much
15 time you're exposed to; is that right?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Now was there ever an offer in your case?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q What was the offer?

20 A Ten years.

21 Q But you didn't take that?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Can you tell the Court why you didn't take that?

24 A Because Cezar advised me that we can win one or
25 lose one, that we didn't have a case.

1 Q Okay, and why did you -- why did you think that
2 meant that you didn't have a case? Can you explain
3 that?

4 A He told me something about the warrants. It was
5 a problem with the warrants. I think the date was
6 at issue.

7 Q Okay. Now obviously if you had to do it all over
8 again 10 is better than 25; is that right?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q And how old are you, Quentin?

11 A 35.

12 Q All right. Do you remember how long you had
13 Mr. McKnight on your case?

14 A About 75 days.

15 Q Okay. And you retained him; is that correct? He
16 wasn't court appointed?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Okay. Now you also said he didn't investigate
19 this case properly; is that right?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Can you tell the Court what you mean by that.

22 A Counsel failed to do a reasonable investigation
23 of the facts and circumstances of my case. Had he
24 done a reasonable investigation he would have
25 discovered that there was no warrants authorization

1 for the witness to intercept the communication.

2 Q Okay. So you're talking about the audio that was
3 played; is that right?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Okay. You saying that Mr. McKnight didn't do a
6 good job of trying to keep that suppressed; is that
7 right?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And you basically hinging that on his failure to
10 properly investigate the case?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And you feel that that had a prejudicial outcome
13 on your case?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Now this phone call, who was that phone call
16 with? Can you tell the Court about that.

17 A It wasn't a photo call. It was -- they put a
18 recording on the CI.

19 Q Okay, this was an audio recording of the CI
20 allegedly making a buy from you?

21 A Yeah, alleged buy.

22 Q Okay. And you're saying that that should not
23 have come in?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q And your lawyer should have done a better job

1 raising the issue, try to keep that suppressed away
2 from the jury; is that right?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Okay. Now, and he would have done a better job
5 had he done an investigation that you claim, right?

6 A Yes, sir, and he suppressed the audio recording.

7 Q All right. Now one of the issues you talked
8 about was you took the stand in your trial; is that
9 right?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And you had a prior drug conviction that
12 obviously came in; is that right?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q The jury heard that?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q You -- one of the things you said is your lawyer
17 didn't really explain to you that if you took the
18 stand that was going to come in?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q You didn't know that?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q Okay. What did you think was gonna happen when
23 you took the stand from your conversations with your
24 lawyer?

25 A Me telling, you know, that I didn't do the crime,

1 and I never knew that if I took the stand that they
2 could have used the priors against me to enhance the
3 sentence.

4 Q Okay. We're not talking about enhancement. I'm
5 talking about the jury hearing that you had a prior
6 drug conviction.

7 A Yea.

8 Q You think that that hurt your case, right?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. You didn't understand that that the jury
11 was going to find that out once you took the stand?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Okay. If you had known that would you have taken
14 the stand?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q One of the other issues you talked about was the
17 indictment in your case; that you got an indictment
18 alleging an incident on this day, an incident on
19 this day. Can you explain that to the Court in why
20 you feel that that hurt you and why you should be
21 given a new trial as a result of that?

22 A Because at the -- when they amend the indictment
23 they allege that the crime happened on two separate
24 days. So when they -- the Court allowed them to
25 amend the indictment the alleged crimes crossed up.

1 Q One indictment had an earlier date?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And another indictment had a later date?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And then they changed it where the one that had a
6 later date was now the earlier date, and the one
7 that was the earlier date became the later date?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q You felt that that's something that your lawyer
10 should have addressed?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And should have addressed in a manner to keep you
13 from going to trial; is that right?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q The entire indictment should have been quashed?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q That's one of your allegations?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q And one of the other things you said your
20 appellate counsel did not raise that on appeal?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q You think that had an impact on your appeal ---

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q ---the fact that that wasn't raised?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Okay. Now your appeal was dismissed?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Okay, all right. Or better yet it was denied.

4 It wasn't necessarily dismissed, I'm sorry.

5 A Denied.

6 Q Do you think if it had been raised it would have
7 had a different outcome on your appeal?

8 A Definitely.

9 Q That would have helped you; is that right?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And one of the things you talked about was you
12 felt that you had an illegal sentence?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q You got sentenced to 25 years or 50,000-dollar
15 fine?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Now you take that to mean if you, you or somebody
18 in your behalf walked in and paid 50-000-dollars to
19 the Clerk of Court you could go home?

20 A According to the sentence.

21 Q According to the sentence and according to your
22 understanding of the statute?

23 A No, sir, the statute told, I mean, says something
24 totally different than what the judge sentenced me
25 to.

1 Q What -- what do you know the statute to say?

2 A The statute says that you can be, I mean, be
3 sentenced to 25 years or pay a 50,000-dollar fine or
4 both. It don't say you be sentenced to 25 years or
5 pay a 50,000-dollar fine.

6 Q But according to your sentencing sheet by Judge
7 Culbertson it says 25 years or?

8 A Or pay a 50,000-dollar fine.

9 Q Okay. Have you tried to go pay that
10 50,000-dollars or have somebody pay that
11 50,000-dollars on your behalf?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q But obviously you feel that that was an illegal
14 sentencing sheet?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And that's one of the allegations you feel like
17 you should be granted a post-conviction relief and
18 get a new trial; is that right?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q All right. Now Mr. Holt, I think we've covered a
21 great deal of issues here. Is there anything else
22 you want to tell Judge Maddox that we haven't said
23 as to why you should be granted a new trial?

24 A No, sir, but I got one question.

25 Q Well, I mean, you have anything that we haven't

1 covered that you want to raise?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q This is your one bite at the apple.

4 A No, sir.

5 Q We're trying to get you a new trial?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q All right. And you understand that the only
8 remedy you can get is a new trial?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q And you want to get that new trial?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q Is there anything that we've overlooked?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q Are you sure?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q All right. Answer any questions of the attorney
17 general.

18 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

19 BY MR. THOMAS:

20 Q Good morning, Mr. Holt.

21 A Good morning.

22 Q You said you retained Mr. McKnight?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q How many times did you meet with him before
25 trial?

1 A Before trial?

2 Q Yes, sir.

3 A I want to say two times, when I first hired him
4 and roll call on Friday.

5 Q And do you recall during those meetings you guys
6 reviewed the discovery; didn't you?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q What did you discuss at those meetings?

9 A The actual charge.

10 Q Did you discuss any possible defenses?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Did you give him any investigatory leads,
13 anything to go talk to, anything for him to go look
14 into at that time?

15 A Nothing but a time card, work card.

16 Q The solicitor's office offered you a plea,
17 correct?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q And what were the terms of that plea?

20 A Ten years.

21 Q It was your decision to turn that plea down;
22 wasn't it?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And one of your allegations is that you were not
25 aware that when you testified your prior record

1 would come out; is that correct?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q But isn't it true that the judge before you
4 testified, he told you twice that if you took the
5 stand you would be impeached by your prior record?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q He told you once on the afternoon first day of
8 trial when the State rested their case before you
9 went home, he told you that your record would come
10 out; didn't he?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And then again the next morning when you got
13 there he went over that again with you; didn't he?

14 A Not use against me. He never explained to me
15 that it can be used against me. He just said that
16 it can be brought up, but not used against me. And
17 if I knew that you can use it against me why would I
18 take the stand.

19 MR. THOMAS: Beg the Court's indulgence.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. THOMAS:

22 MR. THOMAS: No further questions. Thank
23 you.

24 THE COURT: Anything in redirect?

25 MR. BROOKS: Nothing further, Judge.

1 THE COURT: Anything you want to -- you
2 said you had a question. Did you have a question
3 for me?

4 THE DEFENDANT: So if my family, mother
5 and father, paid the 50,000-dollars I can be
6 released?

7 THE COURT: I don't think so. I mean,
8 I've got your file here. I don't think that's what
9 the statute says.

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: What happens is, when I come
12 today they hand me a file like that with everything
13 in there, and since yours was a trial I've got the
14 transcript. I'm going to go back and read it. I'll
15 take the case under advisement and look at the
16 sentencing sheet, but I don't think that's what the
17 statute -- as a matter of fact, I'm sure that's not
18 what the statute says. But I'm not going to rule
19 today because I want to read everything in your
20 file.

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: I take this one seriously.

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir, thank you.

24 MR. BROOKS: Judge, that's it from our
25 side.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, sir. You
2 can step down.

3 All right, yes, sir.

4 MR. THOMAS: At this time the State would
5 call Mr. McKnight.

6 THE CLERK OF COURT: Place your left hand
7 on the Bible, raise your right hand.

8 WHEREUPON,

9 **CEZAR MCKNIGHT,**
10 having been duly sworn by the Clerk of Court,
11 testified as follows:

12 THE CLERK OF COURT: Please be seated and
13 spell your name for the record.

14 THE WITNESS: Cezar McKnight, C-E-Z-A-R
15 M-C-K-N-I-G-H-T.

16 BY MR. THOMAS:

17 Q Good morning, Mr. McKnight.

18 A Good morn-- good afternoon.

19 Q Is it afternoon?

20 A It is.

21 Q How long have you been practicing law?

22 A October will make it 11 years.

23 Q And do you recall being retained on Mr. Holt's
24 case?

25 A I do.

1 Q Can you briefly summarize the State's evidence
2 against Mr. Holt?

3 A From what I can recollect they had some narcotics
4 agents from the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office
5 that had confidential informants who were wired with
6 audio equipment who would go in and make purchases
7 from individuals. In this specific instance they
8 had an individual named Joe Lewis who went in
9 wearing a wire and audio device that -- and the
10 Sheriff's Office claimed that they checked him for
11 drugs beforehand, gave him some money. He went in,
12 engaged with Mr. Holt, purchased some narcotics, and
13 then returned to the agents where they took the
14 narcotics into their possession.

15 Q And did you, when you first got the case did you
16 file the standard Rule 5 and Brady motions?

17 A I did.

18 Q And so what kind of evidence did they, did the
19 State give you in response to that?

20 A Well, first they provided indictments. There was
21 one two, three, four. They gave me copies of the
22 warrants which were four, an incident report. They
23 gave me a property report, a drug report, an arrest
24 report, a SLED drug analysis with a chain of
25 custody, his three year driving record, another

1 incident report, booking report, photograph of him,
2 another drug analysis, an NCIC warning which is
3 something they do in this circuit that basically
4 says you can't use the information NCIC for any
5 other purpose other than this, and the, and Mr.
6 Holt's NCIC report.

7 Q And did you have an opportunity to review, sort
8 this evidence with Mr. Holt?

9 A I'm sorry, I also have — they also gave me
10 copies of the audio from the transactions that they
11 did with Mr. Holt. Yes, I did review the
12 information with Mr. Holt.

13 Q And how many times did you get a chance to meet
14 with him before trial?

15 A I want to say that we met maybe three or four
16 times; but we talked on the telephone extensively
17 because there was an issue as to, of some pictures
18 that I got that were put into evidence that I had to
19 get from him that we did of his residence and the
20 like so we met probably for trial at least three or
21 four times. I'm not exactly certain.

22 Q When you met with him did you discuss his version
23 of the facts of the case?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And what was his version of things? What was

1 your -- let me rephrase that. What was your defense
2 theory for this case?

3 A Well, the defense theory of this case is number
4 one, the CI wasn't reliable. This is a person that
5 I had knowledge of that had been an extensive user
6 of crack cocaine for years who had been involved in
7 multiple, who'd been arrested and convicted multiple
8 times. This was just his effort to avoid going to
9 the penitentiary for an extended amount of time.

10 Also, there was an issue that we saw with the
11 indictments and arrest warrants where they didn't
12 have specific days indicated that Mr. Holt, that the
13 purchases were actually there. So Mr. Holt
14 maintained to me that he at no time sold any
15 narcotics to Mr. Lewis. And so based upon him
16 stating that he was innocent, not guilty of the
17 offenses, and the obvious inconsistencies with the
18 affidavits and the lack of credibility of the CI,
19 that was basically our theory of the case; that one,
20 the CI wasn't reliable. He was only in it to save
21 himself. And also, Mr. Holt's statement that he
22 didn't at all sell narcotics or some of the bases,
23 theory of the case.

24 Q And did he give you any potential evidence to
25 interviews or leads for investigation?

1 A Yes. Like I said before, there were pictures
2 because one of the things we were going to do on the
3 stand was, or one of the things we did from the
4 stand with the confidential informant was to get him
5 to testify about the location as to where this
6 transaction took place. And there were several
7 inconsistencies in his statement or in his testimony
8 about where it took place, and we tried to
9 illustrate or make hey with those inconsistencies
10 with the pictures that were provided by Mr. Holt.

11 Q So did you do anything else in terms of
12 investigating the case?

13 A Yes. Well, first of all, we had to figure out
14 who the confidential informant was. I was able to
15 find out who that was beforehand, then necessarily
16 get them to -- I knew who it was before so I --
17 there was a way for me then to figure out, you know,
18 not figure out but I know this guy has been busted
19 several times before. He's done some stealing and,
20 you know, possession of drugs so then I could
21 prepare for my potential cross-examination of him.
22 And also, I went by the location where this
23 allegedly took place 'cause it happened in Andrews
24 where it took place. It's a -- it's like, it's not
25 a neighborhood but there's several houses in a

1 particular location, several mobile homes, so I had
2 to look at the layout to make sense of what it is
3 they were saying. When I say "they" I mean the
4 State, what the State was saying took place.

5 Q And sort of after you reviewed all this did you
6 enter into plea negotiations with the State?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q And what kind of offers did they make?

9 A They offered, they made us an offer I believe of
10 a sentence of about ten years for Mr. Holt.

11 Q And did you communicate that offer to him?

12 A Most certainly I did.

13 Q And what was his decision in regards to that
14 offer?

15 A I told him prior to trial, getting ready for
16 trial because that was our sentence, that was our
17 offer. I said to him, Quentin, that is the offer
18 that they have, I believe it's a good one, I know
19 you don't want to go jail ten years. And he says,
20 you know, I'm not, I can't go back to SCDC. So he
21 told me you need to get ready for trial, which is
22 what I started doing.

23 Q And did you advise him of the, I guess, the
24 benefits of taking the plea versus the risks of
25 going to trial?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q And so ultimately whose decision was it to plead
3 guilty -- or go to trial?

4 A It was Mr. Holt's decision against my advice.

5 Q Do you feel like you had ample time to prepare
6 for trial?

7 A Yes.

8 Q In regards specifically to the indictments, what
9 was your trial strategy in regards to those?

10 A Well, the key to the strategy is with the dates
11 on the indictments being so vague it didn't provide
12 to us, and this is -- and I made that motion at
13 trial. It didn't provide us for grounds for us to
14 solidify our defense. If they're giving us random
15 days, how then are we able to prepare for trial by
16 possible alibi witness or alibi defenses. So it was
17 at that time at beginning of trial before we even
18 took any testimony that I asked the Court to
19 consider that, and Judge Culbertson decided that the
20 indictment was specific enough and denied my motion,
21 ordered us on to trial.

22 Q And then on the day of trial did the State make
23 any motions in regard to the indictment?

24 A Yes, they did. They made some motions to amend
25 the indictment.

1 Q And what was your reaction to that?

2 A That's when I made -- I'm sorry. That's when I
3 made -- that's when I raised objection to that
4 because it didn't provide us with the specificity
5 that we needed.

6 Q So there was no pretrial discussion or pretrial
7 motion?

8 A Well, when you say pretrial do you mean ---

9 Q I mean prior to date of trial?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. That's what I was confused about, I
12 apologize.

13 A No.

14 Q In regards to the tape of the buy, what was your
15 trial strategy in regards to that?

16 A The -- there wasn't any clear identification of
17 Mr. Holt. He doesn't -- on the tape you clearly
18 hear Mr. Lewis refer to somebody as Volley (ph). He
19 never says Quentin or Holt so our strategy was who's
20 Volley. We don't know who that is, we have no idea
21 who that is. And unless you've got some concrete
22 proof as to whom Volley is, you don't have Mr. Holt.

23 Q Did you challenge the introduction of the tape at
24 trial?

25 A I did.

1 Q What was the outcome of that?

2 A The judge overruled my objection.

3 Q Do you remember what your grounds of your
4 objection were?

5 A Can you give me just a second.

6 THE COURT: Okay, take your time.

7 THE WITNESS: I believe my objection was
8 based upon the lack of identification as to who the
9 person was, that it shouldn't come into evidence
10 because it's prejudicial in nature, outweighs its
11 probative value.

12 BY MR. THOMAS:

13 Q And what was Judge Culbertson's ruling on that
14 motion?

15 A He overruled my objection and let it in over my
16 objection.

17 MR. THOMAS: Beg the Court's indulgence
18 one second.

19 Thank you, Mr. McKnight, I'm gonna let you
20 answer any questions Mr. Brooks has.

21 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

22 BY MR. BROOKS:

23 Q Mr. McKnight, do you recall ever putting that
24 offer on the record during the trial or prior to the
25 trial commencing?

1 A If you mean put on the record as in open court,
2 no, sir, we didn't put on — I don't believe I put
3 it on the record. No, sir, I did not.

4 Q Okay, all right. And it's your position that you
5 did explain the potential likelihood of conviction
6 to Mr. Holt?

7 A Yes. When I communicate with my clients it's a
8 rather casual nature. A lot of my clients I know,
9 and so I have to -- I explain to them that some
10 venues there's some things which I like to call
11 there's some magic I can work and some magic that I
12 cannot work. When I come over to, when we're in the
13 venue of Georgetown County where I'm not as familiar
14 with the people who are gonna compose the jury and a
15 lot of them come from very conservative backgrounds,
16 particularly if they're on the other side of Winyah
17 Bay, they tend to be retired law enforcement,
18 whatever. And so they have -- the credibility
19 issues of a person like Mr. Holt -- and I'm not
20 suggesting anything negative about him, I think he's
21 a good person. But it's a lot eas— it's harder to
22 convince them that law enforcement is just, you
23 know, grabbing crack heads off the street and using
24 them and twisting them to grab anybody they can.
25 And that coupled with the fact that he had the

1 record that he has, it makes it harder. A juror
2 here who lots of them never come in contact with
3 anybody that's ever been arrested so when they hear
4 that a particular person has a prior conviction for
5 something, particularly that offense that we're
6 there, a lot of them tend to just close out anything
7 else, you know, assuming, well, he's done it once
8 before. And I drive that point home to them and let
9 them know. And the phrase that I always use when
10 I'm telling clients about trial, if we go to trial,
11 if we win we win big; but if we lose, we lose big.
12 And at the end of the day I'm gonna go home and
13 you're not, so we need to really think about what
14 we're doing. And I, I say that -- vary rare all day
15 that I talk to someone who is charged with a crime
16 that they're going to trial.

17 Q It's your testimony that you relayed that to
18 Mr. Holt?

19 A In that same way.

20 Q Did you explain to him that if he took the stand
21 that his record was going to come in?

22 A Yes, sir, I told him that because if he -- and
23 again, because you just do it so much it becomes
24 routine. I sat down and I also told him. I said,
25 look, your record is going to come in and I even

1 went over the NCIC report with him like, this is
2 gonna come in, that's gonna come in. And a lot of
3 times -- and you can tell by the testimony -- I try
4 to steal their thunder meaning that I try to bring
5 it out before the prosecution brings it out so it
6 wouldn't have such a big sting because I knew -- and
7 I communicated that fact to him -- that it was going
8 to be a major blow to our case.

9 Q Did you ask for any type of reconsideration of
10 the sentence at the conclusion of the case?

11 A Yes, I asked the judge to set aside the verdict.

12 Q No, no, I mean, reconsider once he was sentenced?

13 A Oh.

14 Q Twenty-five years?

15 A I do not believe that I did. I don't believe I
16 did.

17 Q Okay.

18 A No, sir.

19 Q And you did make a motion in regards to the
20 changing of the dates --

21 A Yes.

22 Q --of the indictment?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 MR. BROOKS: Beg the Court's indulgence,
25 Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

2 MR. BROOKS: No other questions.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, sir. You
4 can step down.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Can he be released from the
7 subpoena?

8 MR. THOMAS: Absolutely, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Okay, you're released. Thanks
10 for waiting.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

12 MR. THOMAS: That's the State's case, Your
13 Honor.

14 THE COURT: Okay. I haven't looked at
15 this sentencing sheet and this is, this would, the
16 judge -- the way they got these, it does say "or";
17 the statute obviously doesn't. The interesting
18 thing is he filled it in, fine may be paid in full.

19 MR. BROOKS: It look like if he paid the
20 fifty grand he'd go home, right, Judge.

21 THE COURT: It does to me. I know that
22 we'd all go to jail if he did.

23 MR. MCKNIGHT: Your Honor, if I may, we
24 did have a conversation about that, about the
25 sentencing sheet and about the penalty that was

1 imposed. And from my understanding 'cause it was
2 unusual to me, Judge Culbertson made it seem as if
3 he could pay the 50,000-dollars and get out 'cause
4 we talked about that.

5 THE COURT: Really?

6 MR. MCKNIGHT: Yes, sir, that did happen.
7 That did.

8 MR. BROOKS: Judge, that's the way the
9 sentencing sheet looks; doesn't it?

10 THE COURT: That's the way it looks. I --
11 unless any of y'all object I may talk to Judge
12 Culbertson about that. I don't know, I mean, these
13 sentencing sheets -- and I don't know, when was this
14 case?

15 MR. MCKNIGHT: 2010.

16 THE COURT: So he's been around for a
17 while. When I first started twelve years ago, you
18 know, my sentencing sheets looked like my children's
19 fingerprint 'cause I was writing all over them. But
20 yea, it does look like that. And you're saying that
21 he said, he said that that was his intention?

22 MR. MCKNIGHT: Yes, sir, Your Honor,
23 that's what he led me to believe.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. THOMAS: And Your Honor, that's what

1 the record appears -- the Court appears to say 25
2 years or pay a fine but.

3 THE COURT: That's what the statute says,
4 or pay a fine?

5 MR. THOMAS: I believe the statute says
6 and.

7 THE COURT: I thought ---

8 MR. THOMAS: It's a mandatory ---

9 THE COURT: Yeah, I think it's "and" in
10 the statute and ---

11 MR. BROOKS: Judge, he puts in the
12 transcript 25 or pay a fine in the amount of 50,000
13 basically what Mr. McKnight says.

14 THE COURT: Yea, I just, I'm just
15 wondering if -- I mean, the statute says "and" I feel
16 certain. I haven't read it in a while but.

17 MR. BROOKS: And Judge, just for putting
18 on the record our position would be that the
19 sentencing sheet is the law in this case as opposed
20 to the statute.

21 MR. MCKNIGHT: And Your Honor, from
22 talking with learned counsel it's my understanding
23 that that's his sentence; they can't amend it now.

24 MR. THOMAS: And, Your Honor, I would just
25 say this is a moot point because the fine has not

1 been paid. If he pays his fine and SCDC still
2 refuses to release him we'll be happy to address
3 that matter.

4 MR. BROOKS: I'll tell my client once he
5 and his family pays the fifty grand and whatever the
6 fine is -- 'cause I know with the Clerk of Court,
7 they add all these charges and stuff. So if he pays
8 the fine, whatever the fine is, and he tells me he's
9 paid it --

10 THE COURT: Well, don't quote me on that.
11 I'm just saying that reading this if -- I mean,
12 look, the fine would end up being a hundred thousand
13 by the time you add everything to it, or more.

14 MR. BROOKS: And if he pays it, Judge?

15 THE COURT: I just, you know, this is,
16 quite frankly, as much as interesting as that is and
17 y'all just give me a little time to check on it. It
18 is most likely a scrivener's error; but if they talk
19 about it back, I mean, you know. I've seen judges
20 order people to be castrated before or go to jail.
21 I was there when that happened in Anderson 22 years
22 ago so that didn't go too well.

23 All right, let me look through the record
24 and I'll take it under advisement. I mean, I've
25 done that with all of them, and I do that 'cause I

1 do take these seriously and I want to read it. This
2 one is going to take me a little longer.

3 MR. BROOKS: That's fine. Thank you,
4 Judge.

5 THE COURT: Thank y'all.
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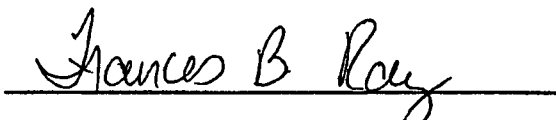
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COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Quintin J. Holt, #268198,)

Case No. 2012-CP-22-735

Applicant,)

v.)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

State of South Carolina,)

Respondent.)
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This matter comes before the Court by way of an Application for Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) filed July 11, 2012. Respondent made its Return on or about October 8, 2012, and its amended return on or about August 20, 2013. The Court convened an evidentiary hearing into the matter on August 29, 2013, at the Georgetown County Courthouse. Applicant was present at the hearing and represented by Charles T. Brooks, III, Esquire. Joshua L. Thomas, Esquire, of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, represented Respondent.

Applicant testified on his own behalf at the PCR hearing. Applicant's trial counsel, Cezar E. McKnight, Esquire, also testified. The Court had before it a copy of the trial transcript, the records of the Georgetown County Clerk of Court, Applicant's records from the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the application for post-conviction relief, and the amended return. The Court finds as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Applicant is presently confined in the South Carolina Department of Corrections pursuant to orders of commitment of the Georgetown County Clerk of Court. The Georgetown County Grand Jury indicted Applicant in February 2010 for two counts of distribution of cocaine base,

third offense (2010-GS-22-179 and 2010-GS-22-181). Cezar E. McKnight, Esquire ("trial counsel"), represented Applicant on the charges. On September 20-22, 2010, Applicant stood trial before the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson and a jury. The jury found Applicant guilty as indicted. On each charge, Judge Culbertson sentenced Applicant to concurrent terms of confinement for a period of twenty-five (25) years or a fine of \$50,000.

Applicant filed a timely notice of appeal and Tristan M. Shaffer of the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense perfected the appeal. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction in an unpublished opinion on April 25, 2012. State v. Holt, Op No. 2012-UP-253 (S.C. Ct. App. filed April 25, 2012). The remittitur was returned to the circuit court on May 15, 2012.

II. ALLEGATIONS

In his application, Applicant alleges he is being held in custody unlawfully for the following reasons:

1. "See attached Amended PCR"

In a subsequently filed amendment, Applicant alleges that he is being held in custody unlawfully for the following reasons:

1. "[H]is convictions ... Were Constructive Amended."
2. "[T]he Chain of Custody Link have been broken."
3. "[T]he Trial Court was without any jurisdiction to entertain indictment(s) of an greater sentence/offense."
4. "Applicant was denied effective assistance of Trial Counsel."
5. "[T]here was no chain of custody ... from (C.I.) to Deputy Grant."
6. "Applicant was denied discovery of Grand Jury Impanelment Documents."
7. "Prosecutorial Misconduct, where Trial Counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the Solicitor's Closing Arguments."
8. "Denial of sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution."

In a second amendment, Applicant further alleges:

1. "Counsel was ineffective by his failure to do reasonable investigation and move to suppress communications that was unlawfully intercepted..."
2. "Appellate counsel was ineffective by failing to raise amending the indictments before the South Carolina Appellate Court."

At the PCR hearing, the Applicant proceeded on only the allegations of ineffective assistance of trial counsel for failure to challenge the indictments, failure to challenge the introduction of a recording, failure to advise, and failure to investigate. Applicant also alleged he received an illegal sentence because Judge Culbertson sentenced him to imprisonment *OR* a fine, whereas the statute requires imprisonment *AND* a fine.

III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Applicant testified he was not aware of how much time he could potentially serve if convicted. He testified he rejected the State's ten (10) year offer because trial counsel advised Applicant the State did not have a strong case. He further testified trial counsel should have investigated whether the police had a warrant to intercept the audio from the confidential informant who purchased drugs from Applicant. Applicant testified he was not aware his prior drug crimes would be placed before the jury if he testified. He further testified he would not have taken the stand had he been advised the jury would hear of his prior record. Applicant also testified the indictments in his case stated the incorrect dates on which he sold drugs to the confidential informant. Finally, Applicant testified he received an illegal sentence because the trial judge sentenced him to twenty-five (25) years *OR* a fine of \$50,000 dollars.

Trial counsel testified he met with Applicant three (3) or four (4) times after being retained. He further testified he filed discovery motions and discussed the State's responses to

those motions with Applicant. The State's evidence consisted of police reports, chemical analyses, and an audio recording of a drug buy. Trial counsel testified the only defenses he had to the charge were challenges to the sufficiency of the indictment and to the confidential informant's credibility. Trial counsel's investigation involved reviewing the informant's case file and visiting the location where the drug buy was alleged to have happened. Trial counsel testified he advised Applicant of the potential sentences. Trial counsel further testified he negotiated a ten (10) year deal with the State, but Applicant rejected the offer. Trial counsel testified he discussed with Applicant the risks of trial versus the benefits of accepting the plea. He further testified he explained to Applicant that his prior record would come into play if he testified at trial.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This Court has reviewed the record in its entirety and has heard the testimony and arguments presented at the PCR hearing. This Court has further had the opportunity to observe each witness who testified at the hearing, and to closely pass upon their credibility. This Court has weighed the testimony accordingly. Set forth below are the relevant findings of fact and conclusions of law as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-80 (2003).

A. Ineffective Assistance of Trial Counsel

In a post-conviction relief action, the applicant bears the burden of proving the allegations in his application. Butler v. State, 286 S.C. 441, 442, 334 S.E.2d 813, 814 (1985) (citing Griffin v. Martin, 278 S.C. 620, 300 S.E.2d 482 (1983)). Where the application alleges ineffective assistance of counsel as a ground for relief, the applicant must prove that "counsel's conduct so undermined the proper functioning of the adversarial process that the trial cannot be

relied upon as having produced a just result." Id. at 442, 334 S.E.2d at 814 (citing Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668 (1984)).

The proper measure of performance is whether the attorney provided representation within the range of competence required in criminal cases. Id. (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 687; Turner v. Bass, 753 F.2d 342 (4th Cir. 1985); Marzullo v. Maryland, 561 F.2d 540 (4th Cir. 1977)). Courts presume counsel rendered adequate assistance and made all significant decisions in the exercise of reasonable professional judgment. Id. (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 690). The applicant must overcome this presumption in order to receive relief. Cherry v. State, 300 S.C. 115, 118, 386 S.E.2d 624, 625 (1989).

Courts use a two-pronged test in evaluating allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel. Id. at 117, 386 S.E.2d at 625. First, the applicant must prove that counsel's performance was deficient. Id. Under this prong, courts measure an attorney's performance by its "reasonableness under prevailing professional norms." Id. (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 688). Second, any deficient performance must have prejudiced the applicant such that "there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's unprofessional errors, the result of the proceeding would have been different." Id. at 117-18, 386 S.E.2d at 625.

The Court finds Applicant failed to meet his burden of proof regarding his allegation of ineffective assistance of trial counsel. The Court finds Applicant's testimony regarding trial counsel's ineffectiveness to be not credible; accordingly, the Court finds trial counsel's testimony very credible. The Court further finds trial counsel adequately conferred with Applicant, conducted a proper investigation, and was thoroughly competent in his representation.

Specifically, the Court finds trial counsel advised Applicant of the nature of the charges, the maximum penalty, and any available defenses.

Applicant's allegation trial counsel failed to investigate the case is without merit. Failure to conduct an independent investigation is not *per se* ineffective assistance of counsel, especially where an investigation would not have uncovered any helpful information. See Moorehead v. State, 329 S.C. 329, 334, 496 S.E.2d 415, 417 (1998). Here, Applicant has not presented any evidence of what a further investigation would have uncovered. Further, trial counsel's investigation was proper in light of his defense strategy of attempting to discredit the confidential informant. See Stokes v. State, 308 S.C. 546, 548, 419 S.E.2d 778, 779 (1992) ("Where, as here, counsel articulates a valid reason for employing certain strategy, such conduct will not be deemed ineffective assistance of counsel." (citing Whitehead v. State, 308 S.C. 119, 417 S.E.2d 529 (1992))).

Applicant's allegations trial counsel failed to challenge the indictment and failed to challenge the introduction of the recording of the crime is wholly unsupported by the record. Trial counsel challenged the State's attempt to amend the indictment. (Trial Tr. 36:1). Inherent in his argument is a challenge to the sufficiency of the indictments for failing to include the correct dates on which the crime occurred. Likewise, trial counsel objected to the introduction of the recording. (Trial Tr. 103:24).

Furthermore, Applicant's allegation he would not have testified had he been informed his prior record would be presented to the jury is unsupported by the record. Applicant was twice informed he would be subject to cross examination regarding his prior record. (Trial Tr. 186:32, 191:6). The Court finds credible trial counsel's testimony he advised Applicant of the risks of

testifying. Regardless, the colloquy with the trial judge regarding Applicant's right to remain silent should have driven this point home to him. See Wolfe v. State, 326 S.C. 158, 164, 485 S.E.2d 367, 370 (1997).

B. Illegal Sentence

Finally, the Court finds Applicant is not serving an illegal sentence. A sentence is not illegal as long as it is "within the limits of the punishment prescribed by statute and conformable to the gravity of the offense." Willis v. Leeke, 255 S.C. 230, 236, 178 S.E.2d 251, 254 (1970). Applicant was convicted of distribution of cocaine base, third offense, which is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both. S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-375(B)(3) ("[F]or a third or subsequent offense ... the offender must be imprisoned for not less than ten years nor more than thirty years, or fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or both."). Therefore, Judge Culbertson's sentence was well within the limits prescribed by law. Furthermore, Applicant testified he has made no attempt to pay the \$50,000 fine. Therefore, he cannot complain he is being held in violation of the court's sentence.

C. All Other Allegations

As to any and all allegations that were raised in the application or at the hearing in this matter and not specifically addressed in this Order, the Court finds Applicant failed to present sufficient evidence regarding such allegations. Accordingly, the Court finds Applicant has abandoned any such allegations.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Court finds and concludes that Applicant has not established any constitutional violations or deprivations that would require this Court to grant his

application. Therefore, this application for post-conviction relief must be denied and dismissed with prejudice.

The Court notes that Applicant must file and serve a notice of appeal within thirty (30) days from the receipt by counsel of written notice of entry of judgment to secure the appropriate appellate review. See Rule 203, SCACR. Pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453 (1991), an applicant has a right to an appellate counsel's assistance in seeking review of the denial of post-conviction relief. Rule 71.1(g), SCRCP, provides that if the applicant wishes to seek appellate review, post-conviction relief counsel must serve and file a notice of appeal on the applicant's behalf. Applicant is directed to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 243 for appropriate procedures for appeal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application for Post-Conviction Relief is denied and dismissed with prejudice; and
2. The Applicant must be remanded to the custody of the Respondent.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED this 30 day of January, 2014.


THE HONORABLE J. CORDELL MADDOX, JR.
Presiding Judge

Anderson, South Carolina

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WITNESSES

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office

REST WARRANT NUMBER

J513626

CDR: 3039 \$44-53-0375 (B) (3)

DOI: June 14, 2009

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

TRUE BILL

Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: 2-10-10

VERDICT

GUILTY

Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date:

DOCKET NO. 2010GSS2200179x

The State of South Carolina

County of Georgetown

Scott R. Hixson

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

FEBRUARY, 2010 TERM

THE STATE

VS.

QUENTIN J HOLT

Andrews, SC 29510

DOB:

SSN:

B/M

ATTORNEY: Colvin, Richard F.

Indictment for

DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE

J. Gregory Hembree, Solicitor

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

INDICTMENT

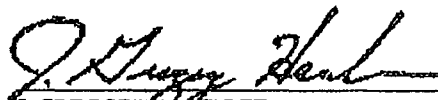
At a Court of General Sessions, convened on February 10, 2010, the Grand Jurors of Georgetown County present upon their oath:

DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE

CDR: 3039 44-53-0375(B)(3)

That Quentin J Holt did in Georgetown County, on or about June ^{20 (PMC)} ~~14~~, 2009, distribute, dispense or deliver, or did aid, abet, attempt or conspire to distribute, dispense or deliver a quantity of Cocaine Base, a controlled substance under provisions of Section 44-53-110, et. seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, such distribution not having been authorized by law, and being in violation of Section 44-53-375(B), S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.


J. GREGORY HEMBREE
FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

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WITNESSES

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office

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The State of South Carolina

County of Georgetown

Scott R. Hixson

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

FEBRUARY, 2010 TERM

REST WARRANT NUMBER

J513630

CDR: 3039 \$44-53-0375 (B) (3)

DOI: June 15, 2009

THE STATE

VS.

QUENTIN J HOLT

Andrews, SC 29510

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

B/M

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

ATTORNEY: Colvin, Richard F.

Indictment for

Person of Grand Jury
Date: 8-10-10

VERDICT

GUILTY

DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE BASE

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17 (ANC)

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